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## N.S. gets flu case break

**VIRUS** No new cases of the influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, were detected in Nova Scotia Thursday.

It breaks a streak of several days of reported cases spreading throughout the province. But Nova Scotia's chief medical officer, Dr. Robert Strang, said he still expects the virus to spread.

"As we've said all along, we still expect to see more cases in more locations," Dr. Strang said in a release. "The public health system will remain vigilant and continue to monitor the situation across the province."

The total confirmed cases of the virus in Nova Scotia are 53. None of those cases have been serious or life threatening.

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Director dishes on Angels & Demons



## High schools may merge

Imagine Our Schools meeting recommending consolidation

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**Millwood High could shut down, with students joining their peers at nearby Sackville High, under one of many recommendations Haligonians will hear at next week's Imagine Our Schools meetings, the project's lead consultant said Thursday.**

Maureen O'Shaughnessy of CS&P Architects Inc. said the population is declining

**"Although our assignment is to talk about facilities, our goal is actually to find a way to make the best places for the kids to learn."** Maureen O'Shaughnessy, consultant

at both schools and is expected to drop to about 500 students within the next 10 years.

"What we're recommending here is that there be one high school," she said, adding Sackville High "would definitely get im-

provements and alterations."

O'Shaughnessy's team will make its final proposal for about 70 schools in the central, eastern, south central and southwestern parts of the municipality at four meetings starting Monday

and running through Thursday. This represents the second phase of Imagine Our Schools, a long-range plan for facilities under Halifax Regional School Board.

"Although our assignment is to talk about facilities, our goal is actually to find a way to make the best places for the kids to learn," she said. She noted the details for final recommendations will be finalized this weekend.

Under the first phase of Imagine Our Schools last year, her Toronto consulting

company recommended closing either Cole Harbour District High or Auburn Drive High so those schools could also be consolidated. But the city's school board decided against that.

O'Shaughnessy emphasized that community members will still have a chance to provide feedback when the school board holds public submission meetings.

"I think the community has seen participating does make a difference, so it's definitely worth coming out."

## Harper's sky-high praise in Afghanistan

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says thousands of new U.S. troops will allow Canada to refocus its efforts in Afghanistan on humanitarian projects and on training the Afghan army and police force as it prepares for pullout in 2011.

A surprise, brief appearance in Afghanistan, his third since becoming prime minister, Harper's visit was part pep rally and reminder that changes are coming to Afghanistan.

After landing at the Kandahar airfield, the largest NATO base in the world, Harper immediately flew by military helicopter to see the progress on Canada's signature project, the \$50-million refurbishment of the Dahla dam and irrigation system northeast of Kandahar.

Canada has begun pulling back from forward posts, leaving that to the Americans to take over so it can concentrate on helping local



Prime Minister Stephen Harper sits in the cockpit of a C17 aircraft while flying en route to Afghanistan Thursday.

Afghan forces maintain security in Kandahar.

"In fulfilling your mission here you are upholding the historic hard-earned reputa-

tion of the Canadian Forces as the world's toughest and most capable soldiers, sailors and airmen," Harper said, while addressing the

troops in the outdoor ball hockey rink, complete with penalty boxes.

"Remember friends, before you came here, the Tal-

iban ran this country, Afghanistan, like a medieval gulag," said Harper. "Those dark desperate days are ending." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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**Student runner-up in national science challenge**

An 18-year-old Richmond Academy student placed second in a national science competition for his research into how green tea could help people with Lou Gehrig's disease. Grade 12 student Joseph McNeil of Red Islands was runner-up in the Sanofi-Aventis BioTalent Challenge and will receive a \$4,000 cash prize. **CAPE BRETON POST**

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# Local



## Crosby's a beautiful guy

Sidney Crosby isn't just a great hockey player. He's got great looks too, according to Hello! magazine's 50 most beautiful Canadians list released in the May 7 issue. The Cole Harbour hockey standout made the Top 50 along with the likes of Kiefer Sutherland, Kim Cattrall and Avril Lavigne. Country singing star Shania Twain was deemed the most beautiful.

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## NSP proposes biomass project at paper mill

**ENERGY** Nova Scotia Power has filed a biomass proposal with the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, with a hearing set for mid-June. If the project is approved NSP said it could supply as much as 60 mega watts of renewable energy to the province.

The proposed project would involve NewPage Port Hawkesbury Corporation and Bio-Gen to develop an electrical generation facility that would use the existing infrastructure of the NewPage paper mill.

The power company said it has contracted wind developers for renewable energy and has purchased development rights for one project at Nuttby Mountain near Truro. **METRO HALIFAX**

## News in brief

**CONFERENCE** Halifax will host the next World Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities in July, 2012 at the World Trade and Convention Centre. The IASSID is an international non-governmental organization with an official relationship to the World Health Organization. The conference will feature recent findings, and keynote speeches about major advances in the biological, behavioural and social sciences that apply to intellectual disability. Halifax will be the second Canadian city to host the global conference. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Monday's Metro

### Take Five

Introducing Metro's new horoscope columnist Sally Brompton.

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What's online today.

**Video** Nova Scotia launches campaign to bring natives back home from Alberta at [metronews.ca/local](http://metronews.ca/local)

**Video** A Quebec convenience store chain stands by ad campaign featuring violent deaths of clowns at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

# NDP focus on emergency rooms

Leader Dexter announces \$2.3M promise, plan to hire \$100K-a-year adviser

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**The NDP turned the campaign focus to health care Thursday, kicking off a debate about who actually has a plan.**

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter promised \$2.3 million towards keeping emergency rooms open.

The announcement involves appointing an Emergency Care Adviser. The job, with a \$100,000 annual pay, would involve keeping track of emergency rooms across the province to prevent unnecessary closures.

"This is an action-oriented plan. This person would actually be in charge of co-ordinating resources across the province," Dexter said. Dexter said emergency rooms across the province have different systems and optimizing them will save money by preventing needless transfers.

But while the NDP say the position would fix a lack of Progressive Conservative planning, the Tories ridiculed the move. Dartmouth South-Portland Valley Conservative candidate George Jordan attacked the NDP for having no plan.

"This man is proposing



NDP Leader Darrell Dexter stands in front of a campaign poster after a press conference at NDP headquarters Thursday.

to hire a planner to make a plan. Which says to me if you have to hire someone to make a plan you haven't got a plan," Jordan said.

When asked what the Tory plan was to reduce emergency room closures, he

couldn't answer. Instead Jordan said the Tories will run on their record and have been "responsive to the needs of the medical system."

When one reporter said that emergency rooms

continue to close, Jordan said "Well, Mr. Dexter doesn't have a plan and that's what I'm here to talk about today."

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said he hadn't yet seen the NDP promise, but

his party would be making its own health-care announcement.

He did take one shot, saying it "won't be about hiring another co-ordinator. That's not what Nova Scotians are looking for."

## N.S. lottery system rolls with new legal changes

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for Metro Halifax

It's now illegal to sell lottery tickets to anyone younger than 19 years old, the province announced Thursday.

That and several other regulations introduced by the alcohol and gaming division of the Labour and Workforce Development Department became law earlier this week.

But buyers shouldn't notice any changes, since the Atlantic Lottery Corporation has been enforcing the regulations as policy for some time, said Dennis Kerr, the department's executive director.

"The difference now is it's taken out of their policy to do it and it's now law of Nova Scotia," he explained.

Some of the other new laws include that retailers can only pay out tickets that have been signed, must make results visible on a T-bar display and must return both tickets and validation slips to customers.

Kerr said the laws are a result of questions about the integrity of the lottery system that arose across the country in early 2007. Minister Mark Parent appointed an advisory panel to review operations in this province and consultations followed.

"It recommended more oversight," he said. "Other jurisdictions in Canada have been making changes as well."

There are about 1,300 lottery retailers in Nova Scotia, Kerr said. The laws also apply to those who sell online games and Keno, but VLTs are excluded.

## Grits, Tories talk loans, taxes

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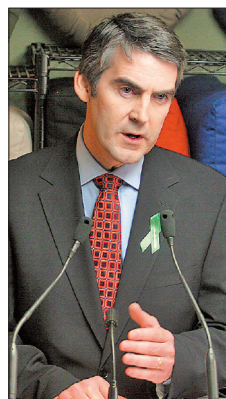
Job creation continued to be a main point of discussion on Day 3 of the provincial campaign.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil announced a micro-credit lending program for small businesses at a press conference at The Futon Store, which McNeil revealed was his family home until the age of three.

McNeil said micro-credit loans of up to \$25,000 through Nova Scotia Business Inc. would help small businesses get capital to expand.

The plan will cost about \$10 million and come out of money currently pegged for the Industrial Expansion Fund.

"Let's give (small business owners) the tools they need to create jobs



Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil speaks at a press conference at the Futon Store in north end Halifax Thursday.

and invest in our communities," McNeil said.

Premier Rodney MacDonald had his own announcement Thursday

morning in Beaver Bank. MacDonald said he would increase the basic personal tax exemption by \$1,000 by 2014.

The promise is part of a 2006 plan that involved increasing the personal exemption of \$250 every year. Thursday's announcement was to essentially add four more years onto that plan.

"People work hard to get ahead and don't want to see their taxes increase with their paycheque. My plan means Nova Scotians will be able to keep more of their hard-earned money," said MacDonald.

The current basic personal amount is \$7,981. At the end of the 2014 period it would be \$9,231.

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More than \$10,000 was expected to be raised throughout Nova Scotia yesterday for the Canadian Paraplegic Association annual Chair-Leaders event. Community leaders volunteer to use a wheelchair for one workday while going about their usual business and collect pledges. **METRO HALIFAX**

# School rowdiness draws concern

Education leaders meet with police to better understand protocol being used

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**"Disturbing" was the word used by the officer in charge of Halifax RCMP to describe the violence that swept through several of the municipality's schools over the last week.**

He was referring to the brawls that broke out first at Auburn Drive High School last Friday and then at Cole Harbour District High School on Monday af-

ter fire alarms were pulled, as well as a bomb threat at Lockview High School in Fall River Thursday.

"It's never a very pretty picture when you have a lot of people out and tensions are running high and aggressive behaviour is being observed," Supt. Darrell Beaton said Thursday inside Halifax Regional Police headquarters on Gottingen Street, where he met with HRP Chief Frank Beazley, Halifax Regional School Board chairman Irvine Carvery and superintend-

**"When you're dealing with a school situation, your concern is that the students are going to be protected, that public safety is maintained (and) that you can manage the situation quickly."**

Supt. Darrell Beaton

ent Carole Olsen.

Carvery, who was elected to the school board last October, called the meeting to better understand what protocol is followed by police and schools when students start fighting.

Carvery said after hearing what Beaton and Beazley had to say, he's satisfied with how officers dealt with the difficult situations that unfolded, but added communication between schools, police and the community needs work.

Olsen said senior staff from the school board and both police departments will continue to meet to further foster those relationships. Beaton said police will continue to fine-tune its protocol for school

responses.

After the fights at Auburn High and Cole Harbour, alarms went off at several other schools this week in what seemed to be a copycat game so students could be dismissed early.

"We see this whether it's bomb scares during exam time (or) any type of major incident," Beazley said.

Halifax Regional School Board spokesman Doug Hadley said another fire alarm was pulled Thursday at John Martin Junior High in Dartmouth.

## Dal to honour diverse study grads

Eight individuals in diverse study areas will receive their honorary degrees from Dalhousie University at this spring's convocation at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium in Halifax from May 19-27.

Dalhousie is honouring the likes of Jesse Ausubel, a leading global authority on

climate change, Nicolas Pippenger, a computer science and mathematics wiz, Robert Anderson, a physician in dentistry and medicine, and Catherine Frazee, a "disability guru" in law.

Also landing honorary degrees are Joan Glode, a champion for Canadian First Nations; Gordon M.

Nixon, one of Canada's most accomplished CEOs; Don Gillis, a dedicated engineer; and Daniel Eisenhauer, co-founder of the ABCO group of companies.

More than 2,700 students will graduate at Dalhousie's convocation this year.

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## Public Gardens Walkin' in the rain



A man walks through the rain Thursday as he passes through the Public Gardens. The Gardens opened for the season Thursday.

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## Man charged with attempted murder

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### Search

Police say they are continuing to search for a second suspect. The only details police will give are he's a man in his 20s.

A 22-year-old man was arraigned on two counts of attempted murder in Dartmouth provincial court Thursday after a drive-by shooting late Wednesday afternoon in Dartmouth.

Halifax Regional Police say at about 5 p.m. Wednesday, two men were turning left from Jersey Drive to Portland Street in a blue Ford Escort when a gold-coloured old model vehicle came up next to them and a man fired one shot, putting a bullet hole in the front door.

They weren't hurt and the driver went home,

where he called police. Police say after speaking with several people, they determined that two suspects might be at an apartment building on Novawood Court in Dartmouth. While en route, police say they received reports of four males in front of the building in a car who were there to harm someone.

All four males were arrested, but police said they aren't related to the shoot-

ing. Two of the four males were charged.

A short time later, police went into the building and arrested a suspect. Police wouldn't say if the man charged was suspected of being the shooter or the passenger in the car where the shot came from.

"We know, but that's part of the investigation right now," said HRP spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter. "It may jeopardize us locating the other suspect."

Christopher Greg Fillier of Dartmouth is facing a total of six charges for his alleged role in the shooting. He's also been charged on four weapon related offences.

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**Dune protection in place**

The province announced yesterday vehicle traffic is now banned at Cherry Hill Beach in Lunenburg to protect the dunes. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# 'Cutting-edge' technique used to catch predators

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**About 20 child abuse investigators from across Canada sat in a small computer lab overlooking Dartmouth Thursday to learn new ways to catch a child predator.**

Chris Purchas, a Nova Scotia RCMP officer with 17 years experience across Canada, trained the investigators with four-month-old technology he hopes will bring online criminals to justice.

"Every child rescued to me is a win," Purchas said. "It's an ongoing battle and it's impossible to arrest every person who possesses a child abuse image, but my job is to identify the ones at the highest risk and to save kids."

He said this new software will make child predator investigators' jobs

much more efficient.

The technology cannot be disclosed, but Purchas said it tracks patterns that appear based on correlative studies done in the United States.

These studies have found a correlation between people who look at child pornography photos and stories, and people who actively pursue relationships with children.

"Stories are far more detailed than just a simple picture, so we found correlations that when individuals possess photographs of child abuse and they also possess stories of child abuse, then that individual is at a higher risk to offend against a child," Purchas said.

He compared someone who downloads child

pornography to a baseball card collector.

"An individual who collects baseball cards, if they were given an opportunity to attend a live baseball game, would they not go? That's a great analogy in my opinion," Purchas said.

Nova Scotia RCMP media relations officer Mark Gallagher said the province has begun to lead Canada in the fight against child pornography.

"We want to be part of something that makes a difference," Gallagher said.

"The technique that we're showing the people here today, it's a cutting-edge technique. They'll be able to go back to their home province and be able to share with all their friends."

**"Every child rescued to me is a win. It's an ongoing battle."**

Chris Purchas, RCMP

## Police Week **Man's best nose**



Border services officer Brian Devaney leads Griff, a detector dog, around the Dartmouth Sportsplex during the Police Week exposition Thursday. The expo continues Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and also on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

## News in brief

**ARRESTS** A man and woman were taken into custody after an alleged armed robbery Thursday afternoon. About 4 p.m. Thursday Colchester County RCMP received a complaint of an armed robbery at a Bible Hill drug store. A 23-

year-old male and 25-year-old female were located and taken into custody within 30 minutes. There were no injuries reported and the case is still under investigation. Charges are pending.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

## \$77K in illegal smokes seized

**BUST** Two Cape Breton men were arrested Wednesday night following a seizure of more than 610,000 contraband cigarettes in a motor home in the Birch Grove area.

Peter McIsaac, deputy police chief of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service, said officers seized the motor home and found 61 boxes of tobacco with an estimated street value of \$77,000 dollars.

He said the arrests were the result of an ongoing investigation into the organized distribution of contraband cigarettes that included local police and Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations officials. One man was arrested at the scene and the second in the general area.

The men, in their 30s and 40s, were released from custody Wednesday night. Charges are pending.

Staff Sgt. Ron Donovan said the men were known to police, adding more arrests are possible.

"I think this is part of another organization which is bringing illegal cigarettes in to the local area," he said.

He said Nova Scotia taxpayers end up losing when it comes to contraband cigarettes. "The revenue lost to the province is a little over \$100,000," said Donovan, adding the fine is set at three times the amount of the tax loss. **CAPE BRETON POST**

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The number of filling stations in Canada shrank again last year, a sign that gasoline retailers are turning slim profits even as the Canadian population grows, according to a survey released Thursday. **REUTERS**

# Canada



## Microsoft to buy game maker

Microsoft Corp. (chairman Bill Gates, left) said Thursday it will buy Vancouver computer game designer BigPark Inc. for an undisclosed amount, as it pushes its strategy of producing exclusive games for its Xbox entertainment system. Microsoft has already been working with BigPark over the past year on a game for the Xbox, but has so far announced no details. More information is expected at the video game industry's annual E3 Expo in June. **REUTERS**

## Sask., Montana team on carbon

**ENVIRONMENT** As Saskatchewan and Montana launch a \$270-million carbon-capture project there are spin-off benefits for the Canadian economy. Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall and Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer announced plans for carbon dioxide storage facilities and a pipeline between their jurisdictions.

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## News in brief

**SEAL HUNT** MPs agreed to a Bloc Québécois motion Wednesday that the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver should be used to promote products from the annual seal hunt, including the possibility that Canada's uniform include at least one seal product.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

## Century Place **Rescue me**



Firefighter Tim Berg and Melanie Mochoruk prepare for the 23-storey descent down the Century Place building Thursday as firefighter Leigh Slum looks on, securing ropes. The exercise is part of the regular training for the Edmonton fire rescue squad.

**A frightening buzz over the imminent demise of honeybees — and the disappearance of their critical pollinating prowess — is unfounded, according to a new Canadian-led study that shows their global numbers actually growing.**

High-profile stories over the past three years detailing the mysterious decimation of thousands of bee colonies has led to fears the human food supply was being imperilled by a "pollination crisis," says the study, which appears today in the journal *Current Biology*.

"But the declines in the U.S.A., some European

## Population

• Biologist Lawrence Harder, who helped lead the worldwide survey of honeybee populations, says the number of hives in this country, for example, rose 65 per cent over the past half-century and by 240 per cent in Spain.

countries and the former U.S.S.R. are more than offset by large increases elsewhere, including Canada, Argentina, Spain and especially China," says University of Calgary biologist Lawrence Harder.

Globally, the number of farmed hives has risen 45

per cent over the past five decades. "The global growth in hives closely tracks the growth in the human population, suggesting that it has been driven by the number of human mouths demanding honey, rather than the need for agricultural pollination," Harder said in an email interview.

A top University of Guelph bee specialist took issue with the study's positive assessment of apian well-being, saying it misses the key loss years and fails to distinguish where the colony decimations are taking place.

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**No suits over SARS: Court**

Ontario's Court of Appeal ruled Thursday that nurses, people who contracted SARS and their families cannot sue the provincial government over the 2003 outbreak that claimed 44 lives. Several groups have alleged the government put economic interests ahead of public safety during the crisis. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Canada challenges meat law

**Canada took action against the United States at the World Trade Organization Thursday over a U.S. meat labelling law that Canadian producers say has hurt their hog and cattle sales.**

Ottawa requested a further round of consultations, a formal step that will enable it to request a WTO dispute settlement panel after 60 days if talks with the United States do not resolve its concerns.

The issue is over a new rule that forces U.S. meat packers to include the country of origin on their product labels. Canada had requested WTO consultations last year but then suspended its action after Washing-

ton revised the final version to make it more flexible.

But before the law went into effect on March 16, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack warned meat packers he would rewrite it unless they voluntarily made labels more explicit.

"Recent instructions from the U.S. secretary of agriculture encouraging U.S. industry to use very strict labelling practices have removed the flexibility previously envisioned in the legislation and will affect the ability of our cattle and hog exporters to compete fairly in the U.S. market," Trade Minister Stockwell Day said.

Ironically, as it was announcing its trade action against Washington, Ot-

## Meat of the issue

Canada's concern is that meat processors may need to segregate animals according to country of origin, which could generate additional

costs and prompt them to choose not to buy Canadian animals. Canada exports about \$4 billion a year of hogs and cattle to the United States.

tawa was issuing a joint statement with the United States and Mexico expressing concern over import bans by other nations on pigs and pork products because of concern over influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

The three NAFTA countries threatened to take all appropriate measures to fight what they consider unjustified restrictions on pork and swine trade.

Although the World Health Organization has advised keeping animals out of the food supply that are sick or have been found dead, it has also stressed there is no risk of infection from eating or handling pork so long as normal precautions are taken.

The flu restrictions and the country-of-origin labelling rules have created a double whammy for Canada's pork industry. **REUTERS**

## Fund went to the dogs: PQ

**POLITICS** More than \$250,000 designated for regional development in Quebec's Eastern Townships was instead invested in a luxury hotel for dogs and cats in Montreal, according to Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois. The allegation was one more Opposition party attack Thursday on the provincial government over the management of a public venture-capital fund known as FIER.

Marois has called for a special audit of the fund.

Last week, the PQ released documents alleging people with ties to the Liberals diverted more than \$6 million of venture capital into their own companies via an economic development fund. Both Premier Jean Charest and Economic Development Minister Raymond Bachand have said there are no problems with the way the money is handed out. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Canadian remains in limbo

There is nothing to stop the federal government from bringing a Canadian man stranded in Sudan home tomorrow if they wanted to, his lawyers argued in Federal Court in Ottawa yesterday.

"We are dealing with an individual who is completely dependent on the (federal

government) for his repatriation," lawyer Yavar Hameed said Thursday of his client Abooufian Abdelrazik, who has been sleeping on a cot inside the Canadian embassy in Khartoum for more than a year.

"He's in a very peculiar situation."

Abdelrazik alleges Sudanese authorities tortured him after he was arrested in 2003 when he returned to visit his ill mother. The Sudanese government has released him twice, and both the RCMP and CSIS have said they have no substantive information linking him to criminal activity.

His passport has expired, but he took refuge in the embassy in April 2008 after he went public with his story. The government said they would give him an emergency passport if he obtained a flight itinerary. He did. Then he needed to find a way to pay for his travel. Supporters raised the money. A few hours before he was supposed to

## "He's in a very peculiar situation"

Abdelrazik's lawyer Yavar Hameed

board the plane last month the government said no to the emergency passport because he is on a no-fly list under a UN Security Council resolution that imposes sanctions on individuals associated with al-Qaida and the Taliban.

"A promise made when there is no intent to fulfil it is no promise in our submission," his other lawyer Paul Champ argued yesterday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



A man protests outside a Toronto passport office in support of Abooufian Abdelrazik on Monday.

## Florida Diving into competition



Meaghan Benfeito dives during the women's platform semi-final during the AT&T USA Diving Grand Prix Thursday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Montreal native is looking to match her gold performance last week at the Canada Cup.

## Truck driver convicted

**CALGARY** Two families of five people killed in a Calgary car crash stood together Thursday after a manslaughter conviction was handed down to the cement truck driver who struck the small car they occupied in 2007.

The families of Chris Gautreau, 41, Melaina Hovdebo, Alexia Gautreau, 9, and Kiarra Gautreau, 6 and Zachary Morrison, 16 months, were relieved

Daniel Tschetter was convicted on five counts of manslaughter and one count of obstruction of justice.

"We've been here as a family, gone through this tragedy as a family and now we will heal together as a family," Herb Grieder said. Grieder's nephew was killed in the crash.

Tschetter remains out on bail until the Aug. 5 sentencing. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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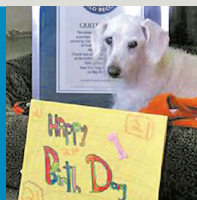




A \$500-million North Atlantic shrimp fishery may be vulnerable to climate change that could disrupt the shrimp's life cycle and mislead them into hatching when food is scarce, scientists said. Any damage to stocks of the northern shrimp could have effects in the ocean food chain ranging from algae to cod. **REUTERS**

**Climate change could affect shrimp stocks: Experts**

# World



## Oldest dog has her day

Chanel, the world's oldest dog, celebrated her 21st birthday on Wednesday with a certificate from the Guinness Book of Records and a visit to a dog hotel and spa. The dachshund, a rescue dog from Port Jefferson in New York, wore an orange sweater and red goggles as her owner, Denise Shaughnessy, accepted the award marking her longevity. **REUTERS**

## Pakistan vows to 'eliminate' Taliban

**Pakistan's government ordered the army to eliminate militants Thursday, setting the stage for a major offensive against Taliban fighters battling security forces in a north-western valley.**

The government's handling of the Swat valley has become a test of its resolve to fight a growing Taliban insurgency that has

alarmed the United States.

President Asif Ali Zardari, in Washington for talks, assured U.S. President Barack Obama Wednesday of Islamabad's commitment to defeating al-Qaida and its allies.

Security forces used jets and helicopters to pound Taliban positions in Swat, as thousands of civilians took advantage of a break

### U.S. builds new military camp

• A huge U.S. military camp is taking shape in southern Afghanistan for thousands of extra U.S. troops charged with

defeating a resurgent Taliban.

• Camp Leatherneck will host more than 8,000 Marines now flowing into the region.

in a curfew to flee the valley.

With hundreds of thousands of people already displaced, aid groups said the

homeland and to protect the people, the armed forces have been called in to eliminate the militants and terrorists," said Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani.

Gilani did not announce the launching of an offensive but said the government would not bow before terrorists and would force them to lay down their arms. **REUTERS**

## California blaze levels 1,300 acres, thousands flee homes

**SANTA BARBARA** A wildfire that has destroyed dozens of multimillion-dollar homes and injured 10 firefighters burned through the central California foothills near Santa Barbara for a third day Thursday.

Already 13,500 people have fled their homes in the hillsides surrounding seaside Santa Barbara, as 1,400 firefighters fought the fire, which was being

investigated as an arson.

By mid-afternoon, the so-called Jesusita fire had charred an estimated 1,300 acres, and crews contending with nearly 37 C weather made little headway in containing the flames.

Authorities were concerned that the flames were edging toward the more populated downtown area. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**SPACE** Long-haul trips could be made in spaceships instead of planes in 20 years' time, if the efforts of Richard Branson's Virgin Group to commercialize space travel succeed, the president of Virgin Galactic said

Thursday. The company hopes to start offering \$300,000 trips to space in two years. By Virgin's estimation, a trip from Britain to Australia could be done in about 2½ hours through space. **REUTERS**

### Japan Bot for teacher



A humanoid robot named Saya is touched by students during a teaching demonstration at an elementary school in Tokyo. The robot, developed by a Tokyo University of Science professor, can speak different languages and make facial expressions.

### Flu Outbreak: Reports suggest Canadian with flu has died

• Reports emerged Thursday night that an elderly Albertan woman who had influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, had died. It was not yet clear whether she had any other health conditions. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

• The U.S., Canada and Mexico vowed Thursday to contest bans on their pork products in the wake of the flu. Around 20 countries, including Russia and China, have imposed import restrictions on North American pork.

• The virus is not yet spreading in a sustained way outside North America, so the global pandemic level remains at 5 out of 6, a senior WHO official said Thursday.

• Mexico confirmed two more deaths Thursday, pushing the country's toll to 44. Millions of students returned to classes as the country got back on its feet. **REUTERS**

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## Comment

### Opening up opportunity

#### InBusiness

Charles Davies



To visit Cuba is literally to experience time travel. Outside the self-contained and sanitized resorts from which few Canadians venture, Cuba is stranded in the 1950s — a vista of decaying towns and cities, large stretches of unused countryside, hammerhead oil wells, clutches of workers at bus stops, crumbling highways, and innumerable classic cars, many belching apocalyptic clouds of exhaust. The only advertisements are revolutionary slogans painted on walls. And everywhere there's a constant police presence, a none-too-subtle reminder that Cuba re-

mains a repressive state.

If the country has barely progressed since Fidel Castro took over on Jan. 1, 1959, the recent past has hardly been kinder. Thanks to the global recession, external financing for the island has dried up, falling commodity prices have cut into export revenues for key items such as nickel, food imports are becoming more costly, and tourism — now a roughly \$3-billion-a-year industry — is slowing down.

All this will change, and not just because economic growth will resume. Fidel Castro, 82, and his younger, more pragmatic brother Raul, 77, (who took on the Cuban presidency in 2006 due to Fidel's illness) are literally on their last legs. Equally,

U.S. President Barack Obama's conciliatory gestures towards the island — backed by more positive U.S. public opinion about the country — signal that the U.S. embargo that has stifled Cuba's economy for decades may finally be coming to an end. When you ask Cubans about the future, they speak without hesitation of a freer, more entrepreneurial country.

For Canadian companies, Cuba is an enormous business opportunity in the making. Aside from the further potential for tourism development, Cuba literally needs everything — foodstuffs, consumer goods, equipment of every description, and all kinds of infrastructure.

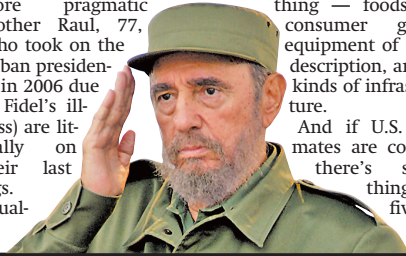
And if U.S. estimates are correct, there's something like five billion

barrels of oil and 10 trillion cubic feet of natural gas waiting for exploitation offshore.

But aside from Sherritt International's well-developed nickel mining, oil and gas and electricity operations, corporate Canada seems largely absent. An estimated 85 Canadian firms operate there, but aside from the likes of Sherritt and Labatt Breweries (actually owned by Belgium's InBev S.A.) the rest are mid-sized and smaller companies.

The Harper government's coolness toward Cuba in recent years hasn't helped either. By contrast, sizable U.S. and European companies are already jockeying for position once the door opens on the new Cuba. It's an opportunity that Canada cannot afford to miss.

Veteran financial writer Charles Davies recently spent time in Havana and northern Cuba, visiting sites once frequented by Ernest Hemingway.



## Views

### Awards for awkwardness on the campaign trail

#### UrbanCompass

Paul McLeod



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The provincial election campaign is only a few days old but it's been eventful enough for its own awards show. So without further ado, please enjoy our recap of the highs and lows so far.

#### Most Bizarre Moment

**Winner:** Rodney MacDonald jumping on a trampoline — by a landslide.

At a campaign stop Thursday in Beaver Bank, Rodney MacDonald found himself on a trampoline with a small, cute child and her mother. It was a playful, almost touching moment.

Then things got weird. The kid wanted off the trampoline so her mom took her away. Undeterred, MacDonald then began jumping on the trampoline by himself as baffled journalists looked on.

Quite possibly the most famous image from this campaign may turn out to be that footage of MacDonald leaping up and down saying things like "I could step dance on this" and "wool".

#### Worst First Impression

**Winner:** Tory Dartmouth South-Portland Valley candidate George Jordan.

Jordan held a press conference to denounce the NDP promise to hire an emergency room co-ordinator. He said the Dippers had no plan and so they were merely hiring someone to plan for them.

So far so good, until reporters asked what the To-

ry plan was. Jordan repeatedly could not answer, instead bouncing between the "we've got a proven track record" and "the NDP are risky" talking points.

Like the ref in a boxing match a Tory staffer finally intervened, saying Jordan would only take one more question. But due to the answers they'd been getting so far, journalists presnt just turned and walked away.

#### Most Annoying Catch Phrase

**Winner:** A three-way tie between "Genuine Leadership for Today's Families" (NDP), "New Leadership. A real plan" (Liberals), and "The NDP — A Risk You Can't afford" (Conservatives). Political parties love their repetitious phrases. If you're creating an election drinking game be sure to throw in the words leader-

ship, plan, risky, "families" and "these tough economic times."

#### Overall Winner So Far

**Winner:** Stephen McNeil.

Politics aside, McNeil had by far the most impressive showing of the political leaders this week. That may partly be due to lowered expectations.

Just a few months ago the Liberals seemed assured for last place, with a leader many people saw as, frankly, boring. But lately McNeil has seemed much more confident and has given more clear, concise statements than any other leader. Though he didn't trampoline, many are now predicting the Liberals will pass the Tories on election day.

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## Letters

### A big thank you to those who have helped us recover

This thank-you note is being sent on behalf of the Fergusons Cove Neighbourhood Association. We earnestly thank the numerous organizations and individuals who stepped forward to help the people affected by the wild fires of April 30 and May 1.

Gratitude is being sent for so many levels of service we hope no one is missed in our praise for your tireless work.

To those on the front lines: firefighters (within HRM and those who travelled to fight alongside), Department of Natural Resources personnel, and the HRM police department — thank you.

To Premier Rodney MacDonald, Minister of Natural Resources Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Mayor Peter Kelly, Councillors Steve Adams and Linda Mosher, our MLA Michelle Raymond and our MP Megan Leslie, thank you for your immediate and supportive presence.

The comfort measures co-ordinated and offered by the Red Cross and Salva-

tion Army will not be forgotten.

Within the Spryfield community the people and organizations that reached out were numerous. The local pharmacies assisted with the replacement of medications that were left in homes. Staff of the Captain William Spry Centre were unwavering in their help. The Spryfield Animal Hospital took in 27 cats from a Fergusons Cove cat boarding business, and we are sure it is with heavy hearts Metro Transit organized special viewing tours for people in the most affected areas.

The professionalism and compassion shown to us during the information sessions at the Captain William Spry Centre indicates the residents of HRM are in good hands in time of emergency. Please accept our apologies if we have omitted to specifically mention a business or organization that made our ordeal easier. We are truly blessed to live in such a special community.

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**\$400M renovation being mulled for Olympic Stadium**

About \$400 million could be spent to renovate Montreal's Olympic Stadium, just 2½ years after Quebec finally paid off its \$1.5-billion debt from the 1976 Games. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Business

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## Warner posts loss

Music company hit by plummeting CD sales

**Warner Music Group on Thursday posted a wider quarter loss as recorded music sales fell faster than expected, sending its shares down 15 per cent.**

The world's third-largest music company posted a net loss of \$68 million US, or 45 cents a share in its fiscal second quarter ended March 31, compared with a year-earlier loss of \$37 million, or 25 cents a share.

The company booked \$33 million in charges for items such as the declining value of investments in digital music startup companies Lala and Imeem.

As a result of the write-offs, chief executive Edgar

### Digital sales

Warner Music said its digital music sales rose six per cent from the prior year to \$173 million US, or 26 per cent of total revenue in quarter.

Bronfman told analysts on a conference call that he does not intend to make more venture capital investments in digital music startups.

Revenue fell 17 per cent to \$668 million, compared with the average Wall Street forecast of \$730.2 million.

This sent the company's

shares down 15 per cent to \$4.63 on the New York Stock Exchange, but still well above the shares' recent low of \$1.76 in March.

Like other music companies, Warner is struggling with shrinking sales of recorded music as fewer fans buy albums in physical CD format.

The transition to downloaded music has led to a decline in revenue throughout the industry as fans increasingly buy lower-priced individual songs from web retailers.

Warner also blamed the weak results on a light record-release schedule and the turbulent global economy.

REUTERS

### Mexico Copper outlook



Grupo Mexico's CFO Daniel Muniz speaks at the Reuters Summit in Mexico City Thursday. The copper giant said strong demand from China coupled with tight global supply meant prices for the metal were unlikely to fall below \$2 US per pound in 2009, but the firm maintained its annual guidance of \$1.75 per pound.

## Imax reports smaller decline

**FILM** Imax Corp., which makes giant movie screens and operates theatres equipped with them, reported a narrower quarterly loss Thursday and said the company will likely return to profitability in 2009.

As the summer blockbuster season approaches, the company said it was confident people will flock

to Imax theatres for big-name releases.

Imax posted a first-quarter net loss of \$2.64 million US, or six cents a share, compared with a loss of \$10.26 million, or 25 cents a share, for the first fiscal quarter of 2008.

Analysts on average had expected a first-quarter loss of nine cents a share.

REUTERS

### Business in brief

**AUTO** Canada has given the Canadian Auto Workers until May 15 to reach a new concession deal with General Motors, or the company will not

receive long-term government funding and its Canadian operations will be in jeopardy, the head of the union said on Thursday.

REUTERS

## BCE, Telus pin wireless revenue drop on recession

**TELECOM** BCE Inc. and Telus Corp. warned Thursday that the recession is battering their key wireless businesses as consumers keep a tight rein on spending and use their mobile phones less often.

In reporting first-quarter results, both BCE and Telus said that, on average, they are bringing in less revenue per wireless user each month. Both blamed the weak economy.

Smartphones like Research In Motion's BlackBerry and Apple's iPhone have been a crucial driver of profits for Canadian carriers.

The trend stumbled in the first quarter as customers tightened their purse strings amid general economic uncertainty.

Telus said new wireless subscriber additions dropped 46 per cent to 48,000. Average monthly revenue for both prepaid and postpaid users fell 5.6 per cent to \$58.39 per wireless user.

BCE added 35,000 new postpaid users to its wireless network, up from 28,000 a year earlier, but average revenue per postpaid user fell three per cent to \$62.34 a month, it said.

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**U.S. Justice budget targets white-collar crime**  
 The U.S. Justice Department's proposed \$26.7-billion budget includes more FBI agents to investigate white-collar crime. **REUTERS**

# Insurers' results hit by downturn

**Canada's three largest insurers reported weaker-than-expected quarterly results Thursday, hurt by ailing stock markets, credit impairments and the need to shore up reserves.**

Manulife Financial Corp., Canada's largest insurer, posted a first-quarter loss of \$1.07 billion, or 67 cents a share, compared with a profit of \$869 million, or 57 cents a share, a year earlier.

That was worse than analysts' expectations of a loss of 37 cents, according to Reuters Estimates.

Canada's third-largest insurer, Sun Life Financial Inc., also posted a larger-than-expected loss, while profit at Great-West Lifeco Inc. was lower than analysts had estimated.

All three insurers were hit hard by declines in global equity markets, where much of their investments are held. Credit downgrades also hurt earnings as all three took some degree of credit impairment charges.

While Canada's life insurers have outperformed U.S.

## Shares

- Manulife shares were down 4.1 per cent at \$21.80, while Sun Life traded 4.4 per cent lower at \$28.63. Great-West stock was unchanged at \$22.89.
- The S&P/TSX financial index of banks, insurance companies and asset managers was down 2.1 per cent.

peers since the start of the credit crunch last year, equity market exposure has hurt earnings and sales have suffered due to the weak economy.

Still, analysts consider the country's insurers to have enough capital to manage a difficult credit environment, and believe better things are ahead.

"The main cause of pressure on earnings and capital — weak equities — has reversed and the outlook for (the second-quarter) is much brighter," RBC Dominion Securities analyst Andre-Philippe Hardy said.

**REUTERS**

## Tim's profits rise, shares drop

**REVENUE** Tim Hortons Inc., operator of the iconic coffee shop chain, said Thursday quarterly profit rose, but its shares dipped on lacklustre customer traffic in its home market. Canada's largest restaurant chain said it earned \$66.4 million, or 37 cents a share for the quarter ending March 29, up 7.5 per cent from \$61.8 million, or 33 cents a share for the same time last year.

Unlike 2008, Good Friday and Easter fell outside the quarter, a positive for customer traffic, which normally slows on those holidays.

**REUTERS**

## In brief

**AUTO** Ford Canada president David Mondragon said Thursday he anticipated that May would mark the first month of 2009 when the company's retail sales in Canada would grow year over year. Mondragon said that the company had adjusted its forecast for Canadian industry-wide sales in 2009 to a decline of 13 to 15 per cent, from its earlier forecast of a seven per cent decline.

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## Soccer star apologizes

Striker Didier Drogba has apologized for his behaviour following Chelsea's dramatic Champions League exit against Barcelona on Wednesday. The Ivory Coast captain harangued Norwegian referee Tom Henning Ovrebo after the final whistle and then directed a foul-mouthed rant directly to a live TV camera. **REUTERS**

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# Sports

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## Man-Ram gets 50 games

Los Angeles Dodgers slugger Manny Ramirez has been suspended for 50 games after testing positive for a performance enhancing drug, Major League Baseball said on Thursday. Ramirez, who signed a two-year, \$45-million contract with the Dodgers before the season, was hitting .348 with six homers and 20 runs batted in. **REUTERS**

## Hawks come from behind

Chicago draws even with Vancouver after overtime win

**NHL RESULTS**  
**Vancouver 1 Chicago 2 (OT)**



Martin Havlat tallied the equalizer with 2:44 left in regulation and Andrew Ladd scored 2:52 into overtime to give Chicago a 2-1 win over Vancouver in Game 4 of the teams' Western Conference semifinal series.

### Threat

Police are investigating after Washington star forward Alexander Ovechkin had his life threatened in a message board post on the team's website.

With the victory, Chicago evened the matchup at 2-2, with Game 5 set for Saturday in Vancouver.



Vancouver's Mason Raymond gets tangled up with Chicago's Matt Walker Thursday during Game 4 of their Western Conference semifinal. Chicago won 2-1 in overtime.

In a frantic overtime period, Blackhawks goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin made several nice saves before Chicago advanced the puck into the Vancouver zone and got off a few shots. Dave Bolland collected the

loose puck along the right boards, wound up and sent a slapshot on net that Ladd tipped in to end the game. Bolland assisted on both Chicago goals, while Khabibulin made 14 saves as the fourth-seeded Black-

hawks stole the crucial victory. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

For a recap of the Detroit/Anaheim game, visit: [metronews.ca/sports](http://metronews.ca/sports)

## More to sports than NHL boardrooms

FieldofPlay

**Scott Russell**

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In case you haven't heard, there's a billionaire trying to buy an NHL franchise and move it to Southern Ontario.

Toronto hockey fans are in a tizzy.

And while it's awesome to see the affection folks in the metropolis

have for our icebound obsession, there is so much out there that screams for our attention.

It's true hockey has come to embody much of the Canadian identity, but this fascination with what is essentially a business deal has overshadowed what great sport is really all about.

I'm talking about the wizardry of Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin on Stanley Cup playoff ice. The Blue Jays are making a little magic deep into May and are still in first place. And professional soccer is finally taking root in this country reflecting a complex, multicultural reality.

Beyond all this, the playing fields are alive across the land. Young people are back in the water and on

the tracks to someday soon fly Canadian colours on the international stage.

Don't get me wrong, I love hockey and think a seventh NHL franchise in this country would be sweet justice. But I'm not going to dwell on it.

Heck, Canada's going to host the Olympics in nine months! Women ski jumpers are fighting for gender equality and the right to compete at Vancouver 2010. We'll also find out if the Golden Horseshoe's Pan American Games bid has been successful.

The World's fastest man, Usain Bolt, will appear in Toronto and just outside Halifax this summer they'll stage the World Canoe/Kayak championships. There are marathons to be run and swimming races to be won.

So there it is, I applaud Jim Balsillie's quest to plant another team in Canadian soil and redefine the NHL's future. But, in a sporting nation like ours, it's also good to know that the field of play goes well beyond the boards, or indeed boardrooms, of professional hockey.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

## Russell, Canadian paddlers gear up for summer

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**CANOE/KAYAK** Andrew Russell jokes he's "a young snowbird already."

The 26-year-old Beijing Olympian spent February through April in warm, sunny Florida, training at Indian Harbour Beach near Orlando and living at The Pines Resort.

It's a far cry from Russell's hometown of Dartmouth and one of the pleasant perks of being part of the Canadian sprint canoe-kayak team as it gears up for the summer season.

"There aren't many five o'clock margarita nights, but it's a pretty nice lifestyle," he joked. "We can concentrate on training in nice conditions where wind and temperature aren't an issue and apply things we're hoping to improve on."

Things are slowly-but-surely starting to get serious. The sprint canoe-kayak season officially gets underway on Saturday in Welland, Ont., with the first set of national team trials. Then it's off to the



Andrew Russell, front, has been training in Florida since February. He hopes to earn a spot representing Canada when the canoe-kayak world championships are held in his hometown of Dartmouth later this summer.

World Cups in Poznan, Poland, from May 22 to 24, and Szeged, Hungary, from June 5 to 7.

There's not much pressure on Russell or other

Beijing Olympians in Welland. They have automatic spots at the World Cups. But the stakes will be high in Hungary, where results will determine who

**"It's super exciting for us to be able to race at home, especially my hometown."**

Andrew Russell

qualifies for the world championships.

"We're using it as a warmup and a way to get ready for the racing season," said Russell, who placed fifth in the C-2 500 metres in Beijing and sixth in the C-2 1,000 along with partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny of Quebec.

Although there are no Olympics to gear up for this summer, Russell said "it's easy to get excited about paddling right now." Not only is he coming off a high of competing in Beijing, but the world championships are in Canada this summer — Lake Banook, no less. They run from Aug. 13 to 16.

"Hopefully we keep improving as a crew and perform well in Dartmouth," Russell said. "It's super exciting for us to be able to race at home, especially my hometown."

### Sports in brief

**GOLF** Ben Crane fired a seven-under 65 on Thursday to take the lead after the first round of The Players Championship at the famous Stadium Course at the TPC at Sawgrass. John Mallinger, Alex Cejka and Richard S. Johnson share second place at six-under 66. Tiger Woods had shot a one-under 71 that left him in a tie for 38th.

**NFL** Brett Favre has reportedly told the Minnesota Vikings that he wants to stay retired. Yahoo Sports reported Thursday, citing a source close to the Vikings, that Favre told Minnesota coach Brad Childress in a phone

conversation that he wanted to stay retired.

**BASEBALL** The New York Yankees expect to have third baseman Alex Rodriguez in the lineup for the first time this season on Friday in Baltimore.

**NBA** LeBron James revved into MVP form again Thursday, pouring in 27 points before resting in the fourth quarter, as the Cavaliers continued to roll in the postseason with a 105-85 blowout of the injury-riddled Atlanta Hawks in Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

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Brandon Benedict is on the verge of winning a Central Hockey League title with the Texas Brahmas. Benedict, voted the Halifax Mooseheads' fifth all-time fan-favourite in March, is fifth in CHL playoff scoring with 18 points in 16 games. Texas can clinch the CHL title as early as Friday night. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Canadian rugby league breaks apart

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The Rugby Canada Super League is no more.

The RCSL has disbanded after 11 seasons and leaves behind four regional divisions: Atlantic, Ontario, Prairie and British Columbia. The Nova Scotia Keltics will play in the Atlantic Division along with the New Brunswick Black Spruce, Newfoundland Rock and Quebec Caribou, all former RCSL entries.

**"It was basically infighting between the unions."**

Brian Krawetz

Each division has a senior level and an under-20 level.

The Keltics will vie for the Atlantic Division title at each level, after which some of their players could be selected to participate in the Americas Cup rugby championship involving entries from Canada, the U.S.

and Argentina.

"It was basically infighting between the unions and nobody could come to an agreement about costs," said Keltics head coach Brian Krawetz, of the RCSL's demise. "We're going ahead to develop our under-20 program and really working on getting players identified to go to the Americas Cup and to get players identified for Rugby Canada national program."

The Keltics' regular season is scheduled to open June 6.



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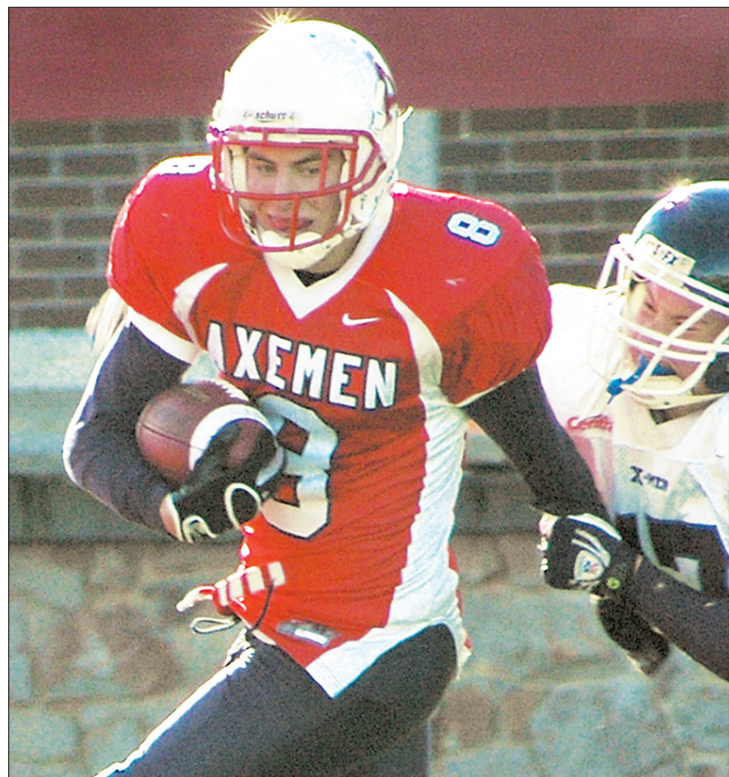
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Acadia Axemen receiver Will Tanner will be playing in the East-West Bowl on Saturday.

## Axeman one step closer to CFL dream

East-West Bowl gives Tanner chance to impress

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**Will Tanner is quickly finding out he's closer to the Canadian Football League than he ever imagined.**

The Halifax native and Acadia Axemen receiver has been in London, Ont., this week preparing for Canadian Interuniversity Sport's East-West Bowl on Saturday. The event is a showcase of top prospects for the 2010 CFL draft.

"Up until this point, I haven't really believed this to be a reality or something I could actually do," Tanner said. "Coming here and seeing who you're up against, the best players in the country, gives you a better idea of where you're at."

The six-foot-two, 205-pound former Queen Eliza-

beth Lions standout is coming off a breakthrough season at Acadia. He finished tied for the Atlantic University Sport lead with four touchdown receptions and totaled 303 yards on 19 catches.

Appearing in the East-West Bowl certainly doesn't mean a player is CFL-bound. Players need strong showings during the 2009 season to get invited back to an evaluation camp in March 2010, when scouts make final determinations.

But it is the first step in the process.

Tanner said the biggest challenge has been shaking the rust off. Unlike many CIS teams, the Axemen didn't hold a spring training session, so Tanner hasn't been on the field since Oct. 25 and is now being thrown in front of

CFL scouts.

"You get right back into it," Tanner said.

"You don't worry about who's there, who's watching. I'm getting passes from Benoit Groulx, the Hec Crighton winner, the best quarterback in the country. There's a lot of talent on the field here and it's easy to get back into the swing of things."

Others in the East-West Bowl are Tanner's teammate Adrian Saturley, a defensive end from Terence Bay, and a trio of Saint Mary's Huskies: offensive lineman Adam Baboulas, defensive lineman Dan Schutte and linebacker Karl McCartney.

Kickoff is 1 p.m. at TD Waterhouse Stadium.

"It's something I hadn't expected and it's a real honour," said Tanner. "Even if I go no further with it."

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Washington at Pittsburgh

Boston at Carolina

Pittsburgh at Washington

Chicago at Vancouver

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Carolina at Boston

Anaheim at Detroit

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Toronto at L.A. Angels

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Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets

Milwaukee at Cincinnati

Chicago Cubs at Houston

Washington at L.A. Dodgers

### Sports in brief

**QMJHL** The Drummondville Voltigeurs can win the franchise's first President Cup on Saturday. The Voltigeurs have a 3-1 stranglehold on the Shawinigan Cataractes in the best-of-seven final and are hosting Game 5.

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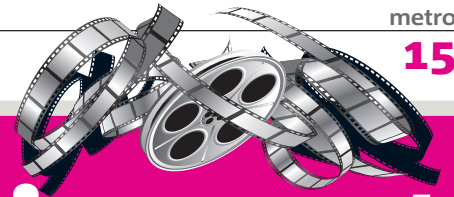
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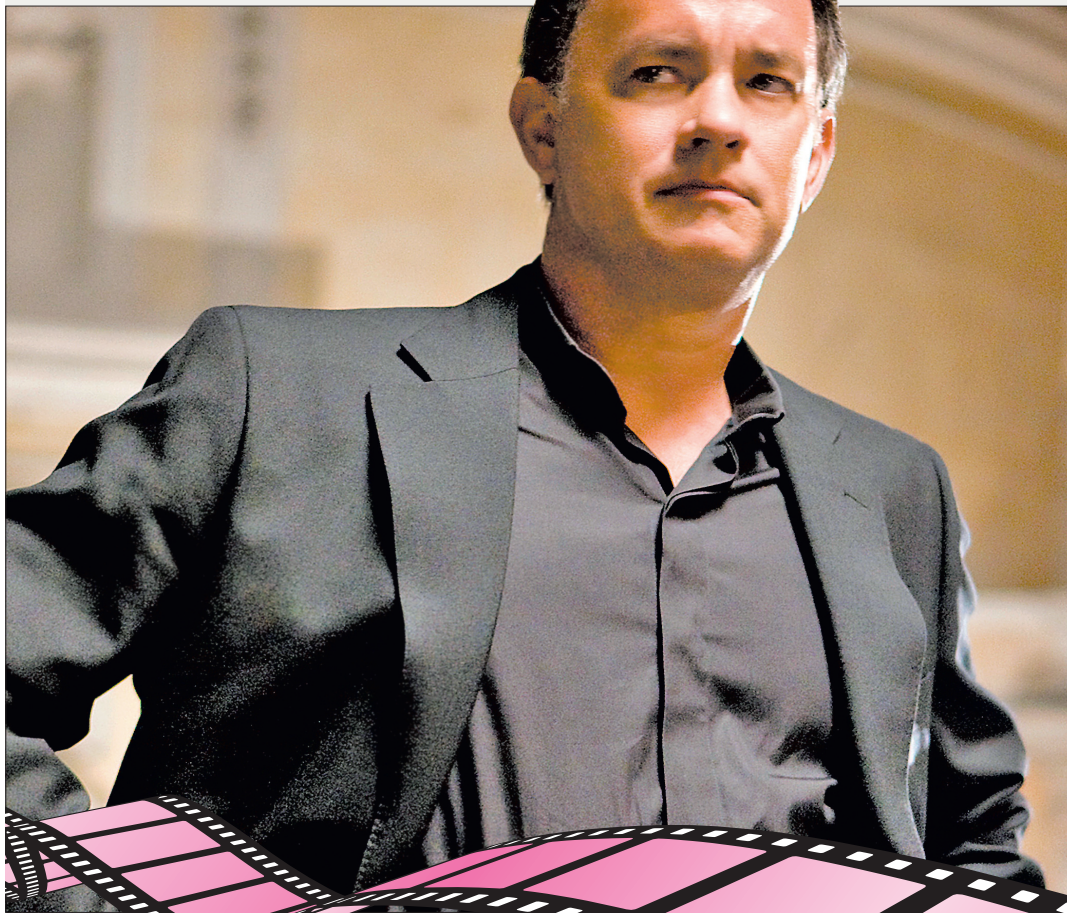
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# Demons 'a different beast'

Director Howard dishes on follow-up to record-breaking Da Vinci Code

RICHARD CROUSE  
for Metro Canada



**Ron Howard, the flame-haired actor turned director of The Da Vinci Code, wasn't surprised by the success of his adaptation of the best selling Dan Brown suspense novel.**

"The idea at the centre of The Da Vinci Code was so provocative and such a hot button issue it really lived at the centre of popular culture for almost two years," he said this week in Rome before the premiere of Angels & Demons, the follow-up to the record-breaking Da Vinci Code.

"Angels & Demons is a popular novel," the director says, although he acknowledges that it isn't as notorious as the other book. "What I'm finding, however, is if you like The

## Movie feature

Da Vinci Code you're going to really like Angels & Demons. I feel like it could be a thrilling and exciting experience for audiences in of itself, separating itself from The Da Vinci Code movie or the novel."

The new film, starring Tom Hanks in a reprise of his Da Vinci role as symbolologist Robert Langdon, sees the Harvard professor work to solve a murder, unravel the mystery of an ancient secret brotherhood called the Illuminati and prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican.

The mix of intrigue and religious may sound familiar to Da Vinci Code fans but Howard maintains Angels & Demons is a different beast. "If I felt like it was a cookie cutter situation and I was being asked



Tom Hanks, left, reprises his role as The Da Vinci Code symbolologist Robert Langdon in the film adaptation of the Dan Brown novel Angels & Demons. The film is in theatres next week.

to repeat myself then it wouldn't interest me," he said, "but I just didn't want

to miss this next Robert Langdon adventure.

"I like the uniqueness of these Dan Brown stories. Sure they use the murder mystery genre, but in a way

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that is so fresh that these films stand on their own as something brand new."

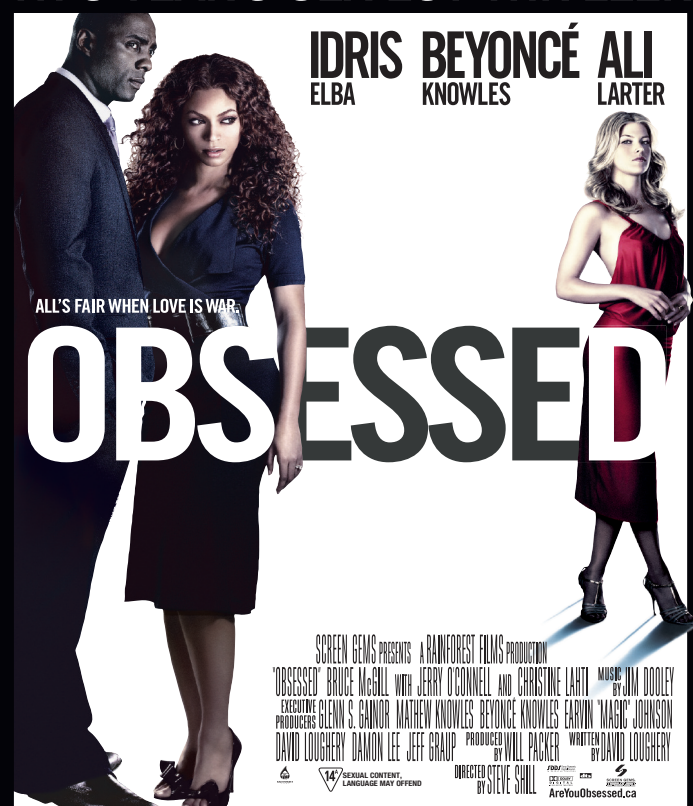
Something that certainly is new in Angels & Demons is the setting. Shot on location in Rome, the movie is a love letter to the Eternal City.

"For scheduling reasons we had to shoot in June," Howard says.

"Everyone in Italy kept saying that we couldn't have chosen a worse month but I'm very glad in a way it was so hectic and intense because it energized everything."

Angels & Demons opens across Canada next Friday.

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**Movies**

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# Lymelife's nihilism prefab

**Lymelife**

**Director:** Derick Martini  
**Stars:** Alec Baldwin, Rory Culkin  
**Classification:** 14A  
**Rating:** \*\*

**ADAM NAYMAN**  
for Metro Canada

**A story of familial dysfunction set at the dawn of the Reagan '80s, Lymelife orbits around Scott**

**Bartlett (Rory Culkin), the moody son of an adulterous dad (Alec Baldwin) and a self-martyring mom (Jill Hennessy).**

Derick Martini's film (co-written by his brother Steven) works over the ter-

rain of suburban ennui first cultivated by Robert Redford's *Ordinary People* in 1980, but familiarity is only part of the problem. Despite the presence of some talented actors (including *Ordinary People* alum Tim-

othy Hutton), *Lymelife*'s various dramatic and visual conceits feel as if they're still trapped on the page.

In the end, *Lymelife*'s nihilism feels as tackily prefab as its painstakingly recreated period décor.



Alec Baldwin plays an adulterous dad in *Lymelife*.

## No shortage of knockout films

**InFocus**

**Richard Crouse**

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Paul Newman played boxing legend Rocky Graziano in *Somebody Up There Like Me*.

I'm not a boxing fan but I once paid \$25 to watch a pay-per-view Mike Tyson fight. It was the mid 1980s and Iron Mike was one of the most famous and controversial men on the planet; a beast who won 26 of his first 28 matches by knockout — 16 in the first round.

Wondering what all the fuss was about I paid my cover charge and watched as the undisputed champ strut into the ring, sized up his opponent and laid him out, unconscious on the floor in less than thirty seconds.

I know \$25 for less than a minute of entertainment may sound pricey, but it was a riveting thirty seconds and even now, more than twenty years later, I can remember the look of devastating determination on his face as he massaged his challenger.

It's an expression that runs across his (now tattooed) face several times in the fascinating new documentary *Tyson*. The film is a raw, revealing look at this troubled but fascinating man.

"It's like a Greek tragedy," he says of the movie, "only I'm the subject."

Tyson is just the latest boxer to get the big screen treatment. Audiences can't seem to get enough of stories about the "sweet science" and the individual struggles of these modern day gladiators.

Everybody knows Rocky, Cinderella Man and Raging Bull but digging a little deeper reveals splendid movies that aren't as well known. *Somebody Up There Likes Me* stars Paul

Newman (stepping in for James Dean who died just before filming began) as real life middleweight champion of the world Rocky Graziano. The fighter is portrayed as a tough kid from New York's "lower East Side where both sides of the tracks were wrong" whose violent and callous ways are changed by the redemptive power of the love of a good woman.

It sounds a like a mushy love story — and in fact, inspired Sylvester Stallone when he was writing the Adrian storyline in *Rocky* — but the fight scenes are brutal and authentic.

Also worth a rental is *The Great White Hope* based on Jack Johnson, (played by Darth Vader himself, James Earl Jones) the first African-American world heavyweight champ, who ruled the ring from 1908 to 1915. Good fight scenes bolster this powerful look at the racial hostility that plagued Johnson's career and it's likely the only boxing movie written in the poetic style of free verse.

There are plenty of others; top of my list are *Requiem for A Heavyweight* and *The Harder They Fall*. Both are excellent, and both provide way more than thirty seconds of entertainment for your money.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; [michaos33@hotmail.com](mailto:michaos33@hotmail.com).

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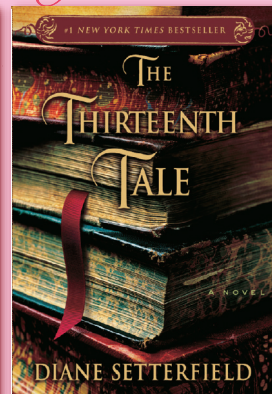
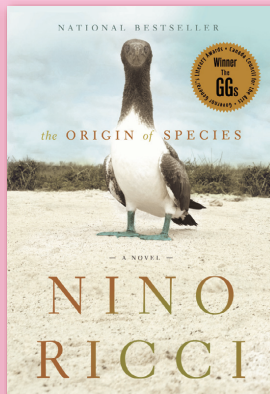
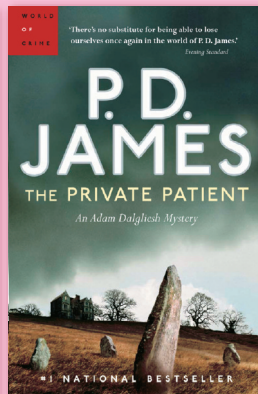
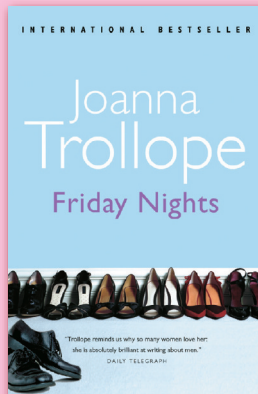
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## Music

## Metro recommends

• **Fortress Round My Heart, Ida Maria:** Maria's intense, raspy vocals add some fury and fun to her band's energetic pop-punk sound.



• **Together Through Life, Bob Dylan:** Guest accordion and guitar players help Dylan deliver rootsy blues-rock tunes about life and love.



• **Honey Moon, The Handsome Family:** Alt-country couple broaden repertoire of twangy ballads by incorporating elements of soul and doo-wop.



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## Potts has a plan

BRIAN TOWIE  
Metro Canada

Paul Potts has two keys to survival in the spotlight, which he'd like to share with current Britain's Got Talent contestant Susan Boyle: Take it day-by-day, and eat healthy.

The British tenor and 2007 winner of the variety show is great at sticking to the first. The other one? Not so much, but it's something he's trying to change as he jets across the globe in promotion of his second release, *Passione*. Accompanied by the Czech National Symphony Orchestra, Potts mixes classic operatic numbers and contemporary hits (Procol Harum's *A Whiter Shade of Pale* is decidedly different

when sung in that style).

Though *Passione*'s lineup had to be approved by BGT judge Simon Cowell, Potts had more input this time around into whittling down 60 potential songs onto the 10-track release than on his debut, *One Chance*.

"I wanted the songs to reflect many different kinds of passion," says the Bristol native and former cell-phone store manager. "They're simple tunes, but incredibly beautiful. I think. Some of them are quite a

challenge for a tenor to sing, quite rangey, which is what I wanted. We had more time to record it, so we were able to pace it better."

And pace is something he'll have to keep up over the next little while as he tours. Noting diabetes runs in the family, Potts says it's important to keep the strict diet that helped him shed six kilograms since January — especially in North America where he says steakhouses abound in comparison to Europe.

As for a duet with Boyle, his BGT contemporary who



Britain's Got Talent winner Paul Potts mixes classic operatic numbers and contemporary hits on his latest album, *Passione*.

became an overnight sensation much like he did two years before, he won't rule it out. Though he doesn't think that far ahead, and he advises her not to either, at least not past a performance.

"I would perform as if nothing's going to happen after it, because otherwise you put a lot of pressure on yourself and you think, 'This could happen, that could happen,'" he said. "You should never concentrate on the What If's. You should concentrate on what you have in front of you, right here and now."



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## On-demand streams could be next big thing in music

## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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For most people, obtaining music involves a transactional experience. I give you money and in exchange, you give me a piece of plastic (a CD, a record, a tape) or access to a digital file (iTunes, eMusic, etc.). At the end of the transaction, I possess (own) a copy of the performance. And it will remain mine until I throw it away or delete it from my hard drive.

But this idea of possessing music is becoming a rather quaint notion. Think about it: If you're able to access whatever song you want from wherever you are at whatever time on any device you choose, why on Earth would you ever need to physically possess a piece of plastic or a digital file?

This is the thinking behind a number of emerging music services that offer on-demand streams. Spotify (a Swedish creation not yet available in Canada) allows users to instantly access specific songs or albums through your computer. Although you need a wired Internet connection now, coders are working on an application for the iPhone, Google's Android platform



A number of emerging music services offer on-demand streams.

and Wi-Fi. Spotify is free, but that might change once it's out of beta.

We7 is a U.K. service that does much the same thing with the complete blessing of the major labels. Part of its business model involves running ads that they called "blipverts" before songs.

In both cases, the consumer doesn't have to pay

for anything. The value for the music streaming company and its label partners comes from the data they capture from you. By registering with these services, companies know who you are, what you're listening to and what kind of device you're using. Theoretically, this allows them to better target you with recommen-

dations. It also means better targeting for advertisers, but most people don't mind being subjected to ads as long as they're for goods and services in which they might be interested.

The thinking here is twofold: The music "feels" free to the consumer. It's like having the world's biggest hard drive full of music without having to pay — or without it taking up space on the hard drive. Second, if you can get all the music you want, it should cut down on piracy.

Will it work? Maybe. We'll see. The digital world is littered with good ideas.

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1. Quiet Nights, Diana Krall (left); 2. Live In London, Leonard Cohen; 3. Passione, Paul Potts; 4. Together Through Life, Bob Dylan; 5. Songs Around The World, Playing for Change. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Music

## Doe busy with country project, X tour

**PEOPLE** American punk icons X haven't released an album of new material since *Hey Zeus!* in 1993. But that might change soon.

"Exene (Cervenk) and I actually wrote a couple songs," singer-bassist John Doe told *Billboard.com*. "There are two or three songs we're going to do sooner or later. We might

get another X record at some point."

But Doe — who also works with Cervenk (his ex-wife) in the country punk and rockabilly-focused *Knitters* — quickly added that in today's down-load-happy musical climate, "What's the point? People don't really release records in a traditional sense, so if

we do it we'll probably just put it on the website and people can download it."

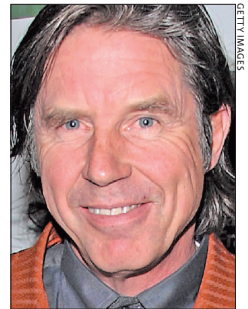
Doe said one of the songs, *Somewhere Gone*, features a lyric Cervenk wrote for her next solo album. The duo also wrote *It Just Dawned on Me*, for *Country Club*, Doe's new covers-heavy country collaboration with the *Sadies*, the Canadi-

an alt-country band associated with Neko Case. "We wrote that just before we recorded (*Country Club*)."

Doe, who's on the road with the *Sadies*, said he doubts that any of the new songs will make it into X's concerts when the group tours starting May 26. But the group aims to widen its repertoire on this tour: X is

using its website to enable fans to vote for what they'd like to hear, and Doe said he'll examine the poll results and formulate a set list from their choices.

"We've probably played about 35 songs in the set for the last four or five years," he said, "and I thought we should just sort of open it up." **REUTERS**



John Doe

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**Tuned-in kids get turned on earlier: Study**

Watching adult-oriented TV shows and movies might prompt kids to start having sex at an earlier age, according to a new study released by Children's Hospital Boston. **HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**

**Television**

# 6 questions for Ed Westwick

**ROMINA MCGUINNESS**  
Metro World News

**He plays one of the most complex, bow tie-loving characters to have ever hit the small screen.**

Yet British-born Ed Westwick opens up about what it's like to play a hurt — not heartless — Chuck Bass on Gossip Girl.

**Q** What do you love most about your Gossip Girl character Chuck Bass?

**A** He's complex. He's developing from someone who initially was just a bad boy, to a brat who did as he pleased with all this money and now he's almost at a different place... Chuck is growing as a person. He's someone who's had to wake up and smell the coffee and take a long hard look in the mirror and mature, and, to a certain extent, do it on his own.

**Q** Do you see Chuck as malicious?

**A** His non-existent relationship with his father — him having almost no love or affection — manifests itself in this malicious way. It's the key to his character.

**Q** Let's say he's a hurt character then. What did you do to prepare for the role, to become and

think like Chuck?

**A** I think it was more like a case of picking up on it as the series develops over time. Now I feel like I have a world of knowledge and understanding about him because of what has happened to him. It's all grown organically, and naturally, it's who I am on set.

**Q** You're actually British, but you fool everyone as you have a pretty good American accent. How do people react to the real you?

**A** At first, people tend to be shocked. It's funny as one day someone heard me speak on set and they would not accept I was actually English. It's a total fake thing — the whole American accent. It's also a different story when I'm around my friends. The rhythm of my accent may change but not too much.

**Q** Do you miss London when you're in New York?

**A** I love England, I love London — all my family and my friends are here. On the other hand, I'm in New York, which is another fantastic place, doing a job I enjoy, so it's difficult to re-

ally miss someone when you are having such a good time. It's always great to get back to London.

**Q** Are you more into the Blair or the Serena type of girl?

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Ed Westwick plays Chuck Bass on Gossip Girl.

## Singer Susan Boyle tops viral video hit list

**British singing sensation Susan Boyle, who became an overnight star with her surprising performance on a British talent show, has made the top five in a list of the most watched viral videos of all-time.**

Visible Measures, which measures the use of online videos across more than 150 video-sharing sites, has compiled a list called the "100 Million Views Club" which is of online videos that have topped the 100 million viewership.

Topping the list is a music video by rapper Soulja Boy of Crank That, which recorded 356 million hits, followed by a trailer for the vampire movie Twilight with 267 million clicks.

In third and fourth places, with 230 million and 197 million views respectively, came Mariah Carey's Touch My Body music video and a user generated video by American ventriloquist and stand-up comedian Jeff Dunham called Achmed the Dead Terrorist.

Boyle, who performed on Britain's Got Talent, was in fifth place with 186 million views.

Boyle, 47, with her untamed hair and plain-spoken manner, capti-

vated millions of music lovers and confounded celebrity watchers after stunning judges with a voice that belied an appearance dubbed "frumpy" and "dowdy" by the British media.

She has appeared on U.S. television and in countless newspaper and Internet articles, fueling the number of people viewing the online clip of her song.

"The most impressive aspect of her viral video success is the fact that she burst onto the scene just three weeks ago," said Visible Measures in a statement.

Boyle is due to appear in the semi-finals of the TV talent show in the week of May 25. The final will be held on May 30.

Also on the list of top viral videos were music videos by Leona Lewis, Avril Lavigne, Chris Brown, Alicia Keys, Miley Cyrus and Rihanna, movie trailers for The Dark Knight, Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince, and Hannah Montana: The Movie, and some user generated videos.

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British singer Susan Boyle has made it to spot five in a list of the most watched viral videos of all time.

## Ousted Idol Iraheta has no regrets

**TELEVISION** Song choice, hair, outfits — eliminated American Idol contestant Allison Iraheta said on Thursday she wouldn't change a thing about her performances on the TV talent show and was glad she had stayed true to herself.

Iraheta, 17, who was the only woman among the final four contestants as the show heads toward its climax, said she was proud of the decision to sing the Janis Joplin song Cry Baby in this week's rock-themed show.

"I really do not regret doing that song...It's about me just feeling it and enjoying

**"I liked the fact that they said I was very different. I stayed true to myself."**

American Idol contestant Allison Iraheta

what I was doing, and having fun," she told journalists in a conference call.

Idol judges told the red-haired teen she should have chosen another song. They have also been lukewarm about her rock-inspired outfits during the competition despite unani-

mous praise for her vocal talents.

"I liked the fact that they said I was very different. I stayed true to myself," she said.

"There was a lot of risks I took in terms of dress etc...Being in the bottom three a few times did not make me change anything. But I feel like I did pretty good and I am pretty proud of myself."

Iraheta won't be heading back to regular school. The Los Angeles singer has been home-schooled for years and had a tutor provided by Idol producers during the TV show.

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Derek Hough could be adding movie star to his resume. The Dancing With the Stars pro confirms that he could be waltzing into the upcoming Footloose remake. "I haven't auditioned, but I've met with the people," Hough said. [EONLINE.COM](#)

## Television



Leo-nominated actor Benjamin Arthur from TV's *Less Than Kind*.

## TV persona parallels actor

Less Than Kind's Benjamin Arthur is up for a Leo Award for his role as Josh

IAN JOHNSTON  
for Metro Canada

**Actor Benjamin Arthur says there's a lot of himself in his Josh Blecher character on TV's *Less Than Kind*.**

Which is a surprise. Though they are both ac-

tors, Josh is also a conceited bully/exhibitionist with little ambition who takes great delight in torturing his younger brother.

"I'm in there, absolutely," says Arthur, 28, whose *Less Than Kind* role has been nominated for a Leo Award.

"I was preparing for the

part for 28 years. But I'm a 'one' normally. And you need to turn the dial up to 10 to play Josh."

Now filming its second season, *Less Than Kind* is a dark comedy about a dysfunctional Winnipeg family and its perpetually embarrassed teen son Sheldon (Jesse Camacho).

It's Sheldon's poor luck in life to be stuck with a self-destructive criminal dad (Maury Chaykin), and pyromaniac mom (Wendel Meldrum). Then there's brother Josh, whose idea of high comedy is to shake his "junk" in Sheldon's face (which he does in Arthur's Leo-nominated episode).

"Josh runs completely off of bravado and ego. He's pure manic energy," says Arthur.

The actor admits he needed some of that excess energy to stay warm during the making of the first season of *Less Than Kind*, which was shot in the dead of winter in Winnipeg.

"Last season was ridiculous. I mean, I lived in Kitimat (B.C.), so I'm used to cold. But this was like minus 52 C. You had 55 seconds of shooting before you have to stop or

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Benjamin Arthur, actor in *Less than Kind*

your skin freezes. And I'm there dressed in my torn Josh jeans and V-neck T-shirt."

Arthur says his nomination for a Leo Award — given to the best in British Columbian film and television — is a big deal to a guy from Kitimat, though a little bit weird.

"It's for Best Supporting Actor In A Dramatic Series. But I'm in a comedy. So I'm up against actors in serious shows like *The Guard*. I can see them announcing my nomination by running a clip of me shaking it naked."

• The Leo Awards will be presented this weekend in Vancouver. Reruns of the first season of *Less Than Kind* air on City TV. Check local listings for times and channels.

## Two more actors added to Percy

**FILM** Rosario Dawson and Steve Coogan will run the underworld in the Greek mythology-infused adventure film *Percy Jackson*.

Chris Columbus is directing the adaptation of Rick Riordan's best-selling fantasy-adventure book series, which involves the world-saving quest of Poseidon's half-human son, Percy, in modern America.

Catherine Keener, Pierce Brosnan, Uma Thurman, Logan Lerman, Sean Bean, Alexandra Daddario and Brandon T. Jackson have already been cast.

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## In brief

**TELEVISION** Adult Swim aims to clone the success of its highest-rated show, *Robot Chicken*, with *Titan Maximum*, a new comedy series from the creative team behind *Robot* that shares DNA with its predecessor: It too is a stop-motion animation series about robots.

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**Bride Wars the top Dog**

The comedy *Bride Wars*, which earned just \$59.7 million US in theatres, scored a triple win on the national video sales on DVD and Blu-ray, as well as rental charts last week. *Hotel for Dogs* debuted at No. 2 in sales and rentals. **REUTERS**

**Television**

# Local Little scores big laughs

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**The newest Great Canadian Laugh Off champion may need to share some prize money with an unsuspecting audience member.**

Halifax comic Mark Little had managed to edge his way into the final eight at the 64-comic standoff, and the audience was loving his story about running into an old racist lady.

"Another one was about being bullied at school," says Little. "The weird thing being that I was home schooled. That joke went over well."

But what seemed to clinch it was an unconventional bit about the guys at hip hop shows whose jobs are to hype the rappers. Little invited a random audience member on stage and got her to read his jokes while he stood there cheering her on.

By the

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Comedian Mark Little

end of the night Little had been named Great Canadian Laugh Off champion, the first ever from the Maritimes, and was awarded \$25,000.

"I was in pure shock. I don't think I even smiled for the first hour and a half," he recalls.

"I'm really glad I've never won a game show or any-

thing like that. If I won a million dollars I'd probably vomit all over myself."

Little has only been performing standup for three and a half years. But the founding member of popular sketch comedy troupe Picnicface has already built up a strong reputation.

"He came with great buzz. And



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part of the buzz that came with him was that he was a great writer, and an original writer," says Yuk Yuk's owner Mark Breslin.

"I think that's ultimately one of the things that really won the judges over. I mean, how many comics do I know will put Nietzsche in a joke?"

Toronto comic Mark Forward finished run-

Halifax comic Mark Little, seen at right with Yuk Yuk's Mark Breslin, was named the Great Canadian Laugh Off champ.



# Moms trust Ellen with their kids: Poll

**BY POPULAR VOTE** Comedian Ellen DeGeneres and her actress partner Portia de Rossi topped a poll that asked American moms which celebrities they would feel most comfortable leaving their kids with.

DeGeneres and de Rossi, who married in August when same-sex marriages in California were briefly legalized but who have no children, beat

Angelina Jolie and partner Brad Pitt with their



Ellen DeGeneres and wife Portia de Rossi topped a U.S. poll for best celebrity babysitters.

dy Michelle Obama and Oscar winner Reese Witherspoon in a virtual tie.

In a close battle for worst celebrity mom, rock singer Courtney Love edged out Dina Lohan — mother of Lindsay Lohan — and pop star Britney Spears.

The poll, conducted to mark Mother's Day in the United States on Sunday, was carried out on AOL's parenting site parentdish.com between April 23 and May 5.

As for their top Mother's Day gift, those questioned chose "time with my family" by an overwhelming 63 per cent over chocolates and flowers. **REUTERS**

## Keeping busy

- To many, the sketch group Picnicface is synonymous with the popular online viral video Powerthirst. Actor Will Farrell personally endorsed Powerthirst, which has gone onto be viewed almost 15 million times on YouTube.
- Aside from making videos and performing weekly in Halifax, Picnicface are working on getting funding for a feature film and are writing a book about Canada for Harper Collins.

eclectic brood of six in the parentdish.com poll of more than 10,000 moms.

The TV chat show host and de Rossi took 31 per cent of votes with singleton Jennifer Aniston coming in second at 22 per cent. Jolie and Pitt got 18 per cent of votes, while chat show queen Oprah Winfrey got just nine per cent.

Jolie also won few fans as a mom, coming bottom in a list of five best celebrity mothers. Former Alias star and mom of two Jennifer Garner won that round with 37 per cent of votes, followed by first la-

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It turns out that those reports about the Beckhams moving to Milan were false. Victoria tells Entertainment Tonight that the family is staying put in Los Angeles. "The rumours aren't true. We aren't moving," she says. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

**Beckhams sticking around**

## Entertainment

# From Guns to Revolver, Duff still going strong

**Duff McKagan is a good advertisement for the benefits of drug rehab.**

Trim and toned, with a full head of blond hair and a perfectly alert brain somewhere underneath, the former Guns N' Roses bass player is lucky that he made it to 45.

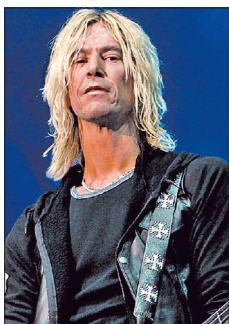
In the early 1990s, when Guns N' Roses were arguably the biggest rock group in the world, McKagan participated in the requisite debauchery with his hell-raising bandmates. There are lots of good stories, but he can't remember many of them.

"I've heard great stories of (stuff) I've done, told by some pretty fascinating people," he said in a recent interview with Reuters. "(Queen guitarist) Brian May (said), 'Hey man remember that time?' Elton John told me this great story."

As the band's punk-rock spirit, McKagan bore an eerie resemblance to Sid Vicious, the former Sex Pistol who died of a heroin overdose in 1979. It looked as if McKagan might go the same way, especially after his pancreas exploded in 1994. But McKagan cleaned up his act, and quit the crumbling band a few years later, eventually seeking a third shot at rock 'n' roll glory.

After Guns N' Roses imploded he formed a new band with fellow Guns survivors Slash and Matt Sorum. Velvet Revolver's debut album sold millions and won a Grammy. The follow-up was less successful, and the band fired vocalists Scott Weiland a year ago amid long-simmering tensions.

With Velvet Revolver on hiatus, McKagan has teamed up with three lit-



Duff McKagan

tle-known musicians from his Seattle hometown to resurrect his side project, modestly dubbed Duff McKagan's Loaded. The band is now touring clubs to promote its new album Sick (Century Media Records).

McKagan has swapped his bass for a guitar, and takes on the lead vocals.

During Guns N' Roses concerts, he would often perform an old punk song for the masses, and he sings a wistful tribute to dead punk rocker Johnny Thunders on their 1991 double album Use Your Illusion.

With its aggressive riffs, Sick inevitably bears some Guns residue, as well as traces of McKagan's punk-rock heroes like Iggy Pop. The lyrics seem to fall into two camps: Either he loves you or hates you.

Before anyone asks, McKagan assures that none of the venomous songs are directed either at Axl Rose, the sole original member left in Guns N' Roses, or at Weiland.

"I am a grown-up, sort of. I'm not that vitriolic. When they (bad things) happen I try to deal with them as they happen, and exorcise that demon as it goes."

REUTERS

## Wolverine's Canadian origins inspires U.S. reviewers' quips

**ODDITY** A funny thing happened to Wolverine on his way to box office supremacy last weekend: His Canadian origins became a punchline for reviewers.

X-Men Origins: Wolverine, starring Hugh Jackman as the Canadian mutant hero, survived mediocre reviews to gross more than \$85 million (U.S.) and critics seemed to find the brooding character's Canuck background irresistible.

"A grouchy, sensitive loner with retractable metal claws and apparently untractable facial hair, Wolverine brooded and growled through the first three X-Men pictures," writes A.O. Scott in the New York Times. "And now X-Men Origins: Wolverine ... helps explain just what makes this guy so intriguing and unusual. He's Canadian."

Hollywood Reporter critic Kirk Honeycutt writes: "Six years later, Logan (Jackman) is a lumberjack

in a remote Canadian forest, though the film never clarifies whether becoming Canadian represents another mutation."

Grady Hendrix's take on Slate.com, subtitled "How



Wolverine

a ridiculous Canadian mutant conquered the world," examines the character's origins as a "mostly Canadian caricature." But he manages a compliment for our hometown hero. "Like all wildly successful figures in American entertainment, Wolverine is a Canadian."

So how does Wolverine fare in terms of Canadian-ness? Probably the most definitive point is when Col. William Stryker attempts to lure him into a strike force, saying, "Your country needs you." Wolverine turns him down: "I'm Canadian."

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- May 20 - Tangier Fire Station, 17559 Highway #7
- May 21 - Harrietsfield Sambro Fire Station, 1070 Old Sambro Road
- May 26 - Natural Resources Education Centre, 12014 Highway #224
- May 27 - Sackville Fire Hall, 1 Metropolitan Avenue
- Jun 02 - Cooks Brook Fire Hall, 39 Corbett Road
- Jun 17 - Eastern Passage Fire Hall, 1807 Caldwell Road



**Norton and De Niro team up again**

Robert De Niro and Edward Norton, who worked together in 2001's *The Score*, have signed on to star in the psychological thriller *Stone*. **REUTERS**

**Going Out**

# Show lacks flair, offers insight

Bravo's new Fashion Show not a Project Runway, but very, very close

**It's the fashion statement of the year: Bravo's new reality series *The Fashion Show* is not — repeat, not — a knockoff of the recently decamped Bravo show (now at Lifetime) *Project Runway*.**

But sometimes, it's hard to tell. First, look at the facts: Fashion has two hosts, designer Isaac Mizrahi and musician Kelly Rowland (formerly of Destiny's Child). They both harangue a gaggle of designers racing through challenges small (design a "little black dress" from a black T-shirt in an hour) to big (pick a "must-have" and design five outfits around it while working in a group). At show's end, those outfits are judged, and a contestant must

leave.

That probably sounds familiar, but it's amid the fine stitching that subtle differences emerge. Fashion takes itself far more seriously than did Runway, and a certain *je ne sais quois* is lost in the translation. The show, the contestants and even the judges (who have almost no chemistry) are almost entirely without flair. Fashion plods through the paces but never seems to gather momentum, and there's little spontaneity or true clash of creative wills: The contestants just seem to get on one another's nerves.

On the other hand, examining fashion with a more serious attitude leads to informative, interesting dis-

**"When (contestants are) called on the carpet, they're articulate and insightful as to their design motivations and theories. In those moments, Fashion raises the bar for fashion reality."**

cussions.

The runway segment of Fashion puts outfitted models on display before a room full of industry leaders, and producers seek out feedback

from top names. During the runway examination, contestants provide a play-by-play on their fashions; later, when called on the carpet, they're articulate and insightful as to their design

motivations and theories. In those moments, Fashion raises the bar for fashion reality.

Fashion is no Runway, though they're cut from the same cloth. Denying that they are is like pretending Pepsi is different from Coke. Sure, there are variations in the piquant aroma and fizz, but ultimately, you're still getting a soda.

And for Runway fans thirsty for fashion fights and fits, Fashion is certainly worth a taste.

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# Shania is Hello! beauty queen

**In its inaugural "most beautiful" ranking, Hello! Canada has honoured country singer Shania Twain with the title of Canada's Most Beautiful Woman.**

"Pop-country singing sensation Shania Twain, 43, is self-effacing when it comes to her undeniable beauty," says the magazine.

"I don't think I'm ugly, I just think I'm overrated on the cutie factor," she says. But for the stunner, who has been the face of the cosmetic giant Revlon, feeling good is the key to looking great. "I like to feel like a woman," she says. "I feel sexy in a plain white T-shirt with nothing under-

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neath."

On newsstands now, the new issue of the magazine pays tribute to the most beautiful the country has to offer — including TV and movie stars, politicians, royalty, musicians and athletes.

Some other Canadians who made Hello's Most Beautiful list include Dr. Ruby Dhalla, Kiefer Sutherland, Kim Cattrall, Evangeline Lilly, The Four Tenors, and 90210 stars

Shenae Grimes, Jessica Lowdes, Dustin Milligan and Jason Priestley.

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Examining Media Issues

**InDepth****Hockey:**

**Talk of a possible seventh NHL team coming to Canada this week — with co-CEO of Research In Motion's Jim Balsillie wanting to bring the Phoenix Coyotes to Ontario — likely had a few people reminiscing about Canada's storied game. Here's a primer:**

• A few years ago, CBC Television unveiled its 10-part documentary series *Hockey: A People's History*, chronicling all the slapshots and fouls from the game's history. Visit [cbc.ca/hockeyhistory](http://cbc.ca/hockeyhistory) for more details.

There is also Guy Madden's award-winning *My Winnipeg*, which includes a chapter on the Winnipeg Jets' history in the Manitoban capital.

• For a lighter hockey experience, rent the classic Paul Newman movie *Slap Shot*, Rob Lowe's 1986 *Youngblood* or Luck, about a down-on-his-luck Canadian who takes to gambling during the Canada-Russia hockey series in 1972. The series is also highlighted in the two-part CBC mini-series called *Canada Russia 72*.

• No hockey list would be complete without Stompin' Tom's *The Hockey Song*.

• Roch Carrier's children's book *The Hockey Sweater* is a classic of Canadian literature, and it's National Film Board cartoon-version has been seen by kids and adults for decades. Only a story about hockey could double as an allegory for French-English relations.



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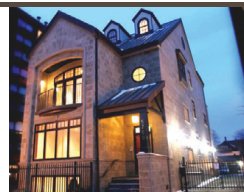
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**FILM** The latest reboot of the beloved franchise boldly goes where no Star Trek has gone before — the territory of young, Hollywood cool. Trekkies will probably hate the Gen Y avatars of Kirk and Spock (played by Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto respectively) but the J.J. Abrams-directed version may well ensure that the sci-fi classic lives and prospers for generations to come.

**2****Bernard Lachance**

**ARTIST** You could call him Paul Potts (or Susan Boyle, if you will) a la Quebec. The struggling Canadian singer posted a YouTube video asking Oprah Winfrey and her friend, Gayle King, to attend one of his concerts. Impressed by the on-line invitation, Winfrey asked Lachance to record a song (The Impossible Dream in both English and French) for her show. The performance, which aired Tuesday night, brought tears to many eyes.

**3****21st Century Breakdown**

**ALBUM** The grand gesture is alive and well. For their latest album (due next Friday), California punk rockers Green Day have cranked up their operatic ambitions to 11 with a three-act storyline and '70s bombast. If early reports are to be believed, Breakdown's poised to top American Idol, the band's previous album, in both sales and acclaim.

**4****Billy Elliot**

**MUSICAL** The stage adaptation of the Oscar-nominated British film about a coal miner's son who dreams of being a dancer bagged 15 Tony nominations this week. Canadians can be proud — Montreal-born David Alvarez, 14, is one of three rotating stars who play the musical's title role.

**5****1,000 Awesome Things**

**BLOG** This buoyant website (1000awesomethings.com) run by Toronto's Neil Parischa has created so much buzz that New York publisher William Morris Agency wants to turn the postings into a book. This week, the 29-year-old human resources worker also won a Webby award for best personal/cultural blog.

**6****Ben Southall**

**PEOPLE** For the next six months, this British charity worker will get paid top dollars just to sit back, relax and blog about an Australian beach paradise. The 34-year-old was selected for the much-touted "best job in the world."

**7****The Big Bang Theory**

**SHOW** The geeks shall inherit the earth or, in this case, save the sitcom. The modest show about a group of nerdy physicists and their girl-next-door has been picked up for two more seasons.

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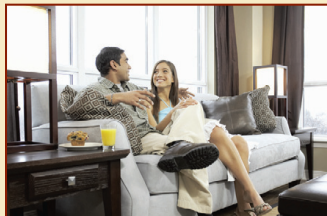
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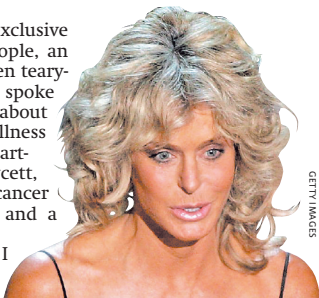
Jon Gosselin of Jon and Kate Plus Eight admits he's going through a tough time at home right now, but tells fans he's been faithful to his wife. "These allegations are false and just plain hurtful," he said in a statement. **PEOPLE.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

### 'I won't know this world without her'

**TRUE LOVE** In an exclusive interview with People, an emotional and often teary-eyed Ryan O'Neal spoke for the first time about the devastating illness of his longtime partner, Farrah Fawcett, who has battled cancer for the past two and a half years.

"It's a love story. I just don't know



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how to play this one. I won't know this world without her," O'Neal, 68, says of his current role as caretaker. "Cancer is an insidious enemy."

O'Neal also revealed for the first time how the anal cancer long ago spread to other parts of Fawcett's body, including her liver. "She stays in bed now. The doctors see that she is

comfortable. Farrah is on IVs, but some of that is for nourishment," he explains. "The treatment has pretty much ended."

Fawcett, 62, herself tells of her journey through illness in Farrah's Story a two-hour NBC documentary she shot with pal Alana Stewart that airs May 15.

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### Sarah Jessica's wild surrogate

#### IS THAT HEREDITARY?

Michelle Ross, the woman reportedly serving as a surrogate mother for Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker, has a bit of a wild past, according to Star magazine.

Her ex-husband, Joe Erker, tells the magazine that Ross is bisexual — and even has a tattoo on her wrist proclaiming it.

Ross herself even admitted that she has a bit of wild side. "I have had pink hair and tattoos and spiked collars," Ross tells the magazine. "My

favourite shoes are five-inch black spike heels, which lace up the front."

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### Legal loophole for Chris?

**LEGAL EAGLE** Chris Brown's legal team is on the move, people.com reports.

The singer's lawyer, Mark Geragos, filed a request in a Los Angeles court Wednesday seeking access to LAPD records, arguing that Rihanna's injury photo — widely distributed on the Web — was "illegally leaked to the media" by police and may result in a case dismissal, radaronline.com reports.

"I am informed and believe that this highly prejudicial photograph was sold by an LAPD officer to the entertainment website, TMZ," Geragos states.

"The photograph was immediately viewed by hundreds of thousands of viewers and was displayed on every news channel for several weeks ... The purpose of the leak was necessari-

ly for profit and to vilify Mr. Brown and poison the potential jury pool."

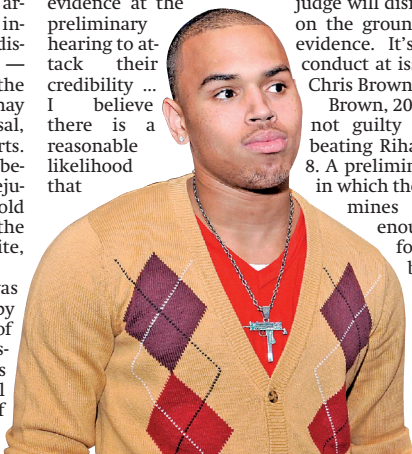
Geragos adds that if LAPD records show "dishonest conduct" by its officers, "I intend to use such evidence at the preliminary hearing to attack their credibility ... I believe there is a reasonable likelihood that

the case will be dismissed at the preliminary hearing."

L.A. criminal defence attorney Jeffery Rubenstein, who's not involved in the case, says, "It's unlikely the judge will dismiss the case on the grounds of leaked evidence. It's not police conduct at issue here, it's Chris Brown's."

Brown, 20, has pleaded not guilty to allegedly beating Rihanna on Feb. 8. A preliminary hearing, in which the court determines if there's enough evidence for trial, is to begin within eight court days of May 28.

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### Head-butting may have California consequences

**PROBATION PROBLEM** Kiefer Sutherland was charged with assault after he allegedly head-butted a man at a party in New York on Tuesday, and now authorities in Los Angeles may come down harder on him, according to people.com.

Sutherland, who's currently serving a five-year probation term in Los An-

geles for his second DUI conviction, may have violated those terms, which clearly state the actor must "obey all laws."

Sutherland — who surrendered to police yesterday, according to local news reports —

allegedly came to the defence of actress Brooke Shields after Jack McCollough reportedly bumped into Shields.

"Our office intends to contact the NYPD and New York prosecutors to review

the incident and determine whether Mr. Sutherland violated probation," L.A. City Attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan tells People.

A probation violation often means a return to jail. Sutherland previously spent 48 days in jail for his second DUI conviction.

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### Heart yes, mind no: Sam

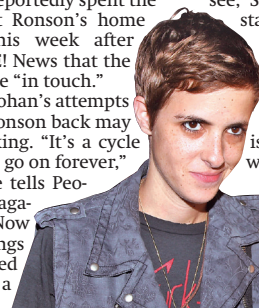
**INDECISION** Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson may be reconciling, sources say. Lohan reportedly spent the night at Ronson's home early this week after telling E! News that the two were "in touch."

And Lohan's attempts to get Ronson back may be working. "It's a cycle that can go on forever," a source tells People magazine. "Now that things have died down a

little and Lindsay is behaving herself and showing Sam what she wants to see, Sam's strength to stay away eases up."

But the source adds that Ronson is still resisting. "Sam knows in her head, life is truly better off without Lindsay — even if her heart sometimes says otherwise."

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### Dan's new drag queen BFF

**UNLIKELY PAIR** Daniel Radcliffe has befriended a drag queen, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Harry Potter star has been spotted enjoying several dinners with Our Lady J, a transvestite Dolly Parton impersonator he met in New York last year.

The pair was photographed walking arm-in-arm on Sunday, and the 19-year-old actor is believed to have formed a close bond with his new pal.

A close friend of Our Lady J told Britain's The Sun newspaper: "Daniel is fascinated by the drag culture and is always asking questions."

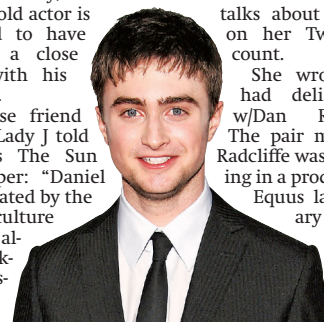
He went to a few shows and was made to feel very welcome.

"He's a lovely guy and he and Our Lady J got on like a house on fire. They have eaten out together and been to parties. They have become quite close."

Our Lady J — who makes a living performing songs by Dolly, Alanis Morissette and Nine Inch Nails — talks about Radcliffe on her Twitter account.

She wrote: "Just had delish meal w/Dan Radcliffe." The pair met when Radcliffe was performing in a production of Equus last February in New York.

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### MJ sued by own spokeswoman

**SOME LOYALTY** Michael Jackson is facing more legal trouble, this time from within his own camp. His spokesperson Raymone Bain is suing him \$44 million US owed

for her work, according to Holliscope. "Mr. Jackson has elected not to honour the financial obligations of our contractual relationship, despite my numerous attempts to amicably resolve this matter," Bain said.

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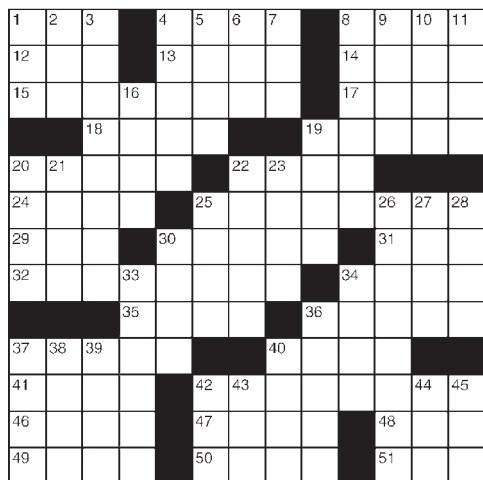
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## Take Five



## Crossword across

- 1 Volcano output  
4 One of the Three Bears  
8 Slaughter of baseball lore  
12 Story of a lifetime?  
13 Scratches (out)  
14 Anger  
15 In the attic, maybe  
17 Anger  
18 At bat, so to speak  
19 Seraglio group  
20 Thick chunks  
22 Be patient  
24 Senate employee  
25 Pirates  
29 Luau  
30 Conficker et al.  
31 Extinct bird  
32 Gives up hope  
34 Urban pall  
35 Pre-swam  
36 "All in the Family" spin-off  
37 Shackles a perp  
40 Have coming  
41 "Yeah, right!"  
42 Runs a meeting with someone else  
46 Gilpin of "Frasier"  
47 Initial stake  
48 Menagerie  
49 Paradise  
50 Indigent  
51 Grown-up elver

## Crossword down

- 1 Dhahi preceder  
2 Try the tea  
3 Abductees  
4 Bosc and Bartlett  
5 Related  
6 Apiece  
7 Fool  
8 Proofreader's finds  
9 Depilatory brand  
10 Eyeball  
11 Appear  
16 Brits' subway  
19 Greet the villain  
20 Tater  
21 Baikal, for one  
22 Fret  
23 Weaponry  
25 Form rings  
26 Vaccinate  
27 Crucifix  
28 Parsley partner?  
30 Witty ones  
33 Short-necked seabird  
34 Poet Teasdale  
36 "Real Time With Bill —"  
37 Part of a Batsuit  
38 Secondhand  
39 Conflagration  
40 Prefix with plasm  
42 Upper limit  
43 Yoko of music  
44 Shad delicacy  
45 Scale member

## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



3	9	2	6	1	5	8	7	4
7	8	6	9	4	3	2	1	5
1	4	5	7	8	2	6	9	3
9	7	3	2	5	6	4	8	1
5	2	1	4	3	8	7	6	9
8	6	4	1	7	9	5	3	2
6	1	9	8	2	4	3	5	7
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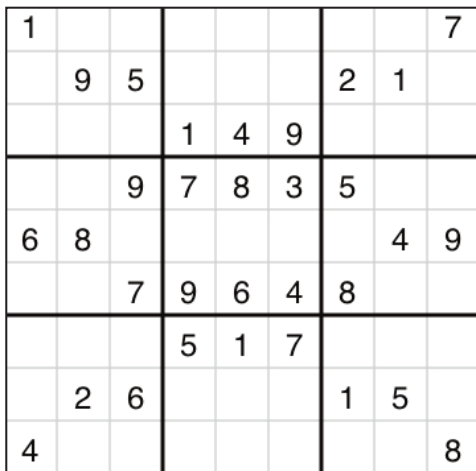
## SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min ..... Genius  
13-17 min ..... Scholar  
17-21 min ..... Smart  
21-25 min ..... Not bad  
25+ min ..... Keep practising

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Stuffed Rissoles

## INGREDIENTS:

1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef  
3.8-oz (110-g) bottle or package hamburger seasoning mix  
1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce  
1 tbsp (15 ml) tomato sauce  
salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup (125 ml) grated cheddar

1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil

## TO SERVE:

Tomato sauce

## METHOD:

1. Put meat, hamburger seasoning, Worcestershire sauce, tomato sauce and salt and freshly ground black pepper into bowl. Knead mixture until well combined. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand 5–10 minutes.

2. Divide mixture into four; shape each portion into flat patty. Using thumb, make deep hole in centre of each patty, taking care not to push all the way through.  
3. Place a quarter of cheese into centre of each patty, then mould meat over to cover cheese. If necessary, press flat.  
4. Heat oil in large frying pan. Add patties and cook over moderate heat until cooked through, 5–7 minutes per side. Serve with tomato sauce.

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## Horoscopes

## AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES**  
MARCH 21-APRIL 20  
Don't take a man's stupid statement personally. It is possible to defeat your own purpose. There's a pattern within chaos.



**TAURUS**  
APRIL 21-MAY 21  
A girl can help with a romance. Rest assured that something will work out well. Give someone the right idea.



**LIBRA**  
SEPT 23-OCT 23  
Be merciful toward an awkward guy. A secret dialogue will make matters worse. Trivial chitchat is inadequate for your needs.



**SCORPIO**  
OCT 24-NOV 22  
Delightful expectations will make you too excited. Annoying people should be avoided. Ask yourself who will come to your rescue.



**GEMINI**  
MAY 22-JUNE 21  
A grovelling person is hampered by fear. Decide where to go at the last minute. A late night chat will fix a threatened project.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV 23-DEC 21  
Take stock before making a decision. Joyous events create closure in a troubling issue. Take it easy when you're self-conscious.



**CANCER**  
JUNE 22-JULY 22  
Refuse to accept a controversial decision. A merry visitor gives you second thoughts. Pay attention to exceptional dreams.



**CAPRICORN**  
DEC 22-JAN 20  
An obnoxious idiot comes charging in. Vengeance can't mend a broken heart. Be discreet about a previous decision.



**LEO**  
JULY 23-AUG 23  
A miserable woman accuses others of being superficial. Be open enough to spend time hanging out. A sensitive man gives in after a standoff.



**AQUARIUS**  
JAN 21-FEB 18  
A reliable friend will reveal surprising info. Wild passion overwhelms a discussion. Remembering a recent encounter is counter-productive.



**VIRGO**  
AUG 24-SEPT 22  
An irrelevant lecture can be avoided. Comfort the lonely and lay on the compliments. A mature friend treats you to a thrilling surprise.



**PISCES**  
FEB 19-MARCH 20  
A tongue-lashing leads to an uncomfortable scene. Use self-control with an indignant woman. It's not a good idea to start a new venture.



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